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EUROCANTERA S.A. de C.V. ACHIEVES RJC CHAIN-OF-CUSTODY CERTIFICATION

LONDON - RJC today announced that Eurocantera S.A. de C.V., the Honduras-based gold miner, has achieved Certification against the RJC Chain-of-Custody (CoC) Standard. This is the first mining member of the RJC to achieve CoC Certification.

"RJC is delighted to congratulate Eurocantera, the first mining member of the RJC, to achieve CoC Certification. CoC Certification provides a mechanism for Members to demonstrate how they are implementing the OECD Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Supply Chains," says Andrew Bone, RJC's Executive Director.

Eurocantera's CoC Certification results from a successful verification assessment conducted by UL Responsible Sourcing, an international auditing company accredited by the RJC.

"This is another milestone for us. Eurocantera is the first mining operation to have been granted the RJC highly regarded Chain of Custody Certification. Our company is built on innovation and it is wholly fitting that we have taken a path that others have yet to discover. It validates too our commitment to ensuring that our activities and our products are not associated with illicit activity or supporting armed conflict. It is our ambition that all elements of our business improve the lives of the people touched by its activities and the dual RJC Code of Practices and Chain of Custody certifications affirm this core corporate value. We are proud to set an example in our sector and hope others will follow," says Giuseppe Colaiacovo, CEO of Eurocantera S.A.

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About RJC

The Responsible Jewellery Council is an international not-for-profit standards and certification organisation. It has more than 600 Member companies that span the jewellery supply chain from mine to retail. RJC Members commit to and are independently audited against the RJC Code of Practices – an international standard on responsible business practices for diamonds, gold and platinum group metals. The Code of Practices addresses human rights, labour rights, environmental impact, mining practices, product disclosure and many more important topics in the jewellery supply chain. RJC also works with multi-stakeholder initiatives on responsible sourcing and supply chain due diligence. The RJC's Chain-of-Custody

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The RJC is a <u>Full Member of the ISEAL Alliance</u> – the global association for sustainability standards. For more information on RJC Members, Certification, and Standards please visit <u>www.responsiblejewellery.com</u>

About Eurocantera S.A. de C.V.

Eurocantera is a young company founded in 2003 with the aim to act as an example of a transformed mining industry through a comprehensive and fully integrated approach to CSR. The company has created a new paradigm for ethical positive-impact mining based on a socially and economically inclusive business model and a commitment to net-positive environmental impact. The company's approach has resulted in creating dignified livings for hundreds of traditionally marginalized people at the bottom of the pyramid, the prospect for an increase in forest cover in a biologically rich and important ecological area, professional opportunities for its employees that would normally be out of reach, and a benchmark for the highest ethical business standards.

Eurocantera is fully owned by Goldlake Italia, the company of the Franco Colaiacovo family. The Colaiacovo's philosophy is unique as it has built a series of strong investment holdings over many years through hard work, innovative thinking and courage. The purpose of Goldlake is to establish an investment strategy that builds on the foundation built over three generations and combines this with opportunities in emerging sectors and territories. In addition to its commercial focus, the parallel ambition is to maintain a strong focus on the interests of communities neighbouring investments and to operate to the highest ethical standards in all activities.

RJC Certification Information – Eurocantera S.A. de C.V.

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