

NEWS RELEASE

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RJC RE-CERTIFIES PATROS SRL

LONDON - RJC announced today that PATROS SRL has achieved Certification against the 2013 Code of Practices (COP) at its trading office and manufacturing facility in Monticello Conte Otta, Italy.

"It is a pleasure to announce PATROS SRL has been certified against the 2013 COP. The new provisions under the 2013 COP address important issues for our Members and their supply chain. We are delighted to see members achieving certification against the standard and warmly congratulate PATROS SRL," says Andrew Bone, RJC's Executive Director.

The successful verification assessment was led by Pietro Carlo Vincenzo Zanni from Rina Services SPA, one of the independent third-party auditing firms accredited by the RJC.

"As a business that has incorporated ethical business practices for some time already, we are proud to have achieved RJC re-certification for a further period of three years. We strongly believe in a responsible supply chain and will continue to uphold the highest ethical standards in the running of our business," says Diego Bottene, CEO of PATROS SRL.

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About RJC

The Responsible Jewellery Council is an international not-for-profit standards and certification organisation. It has more than 900 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 Certification for precious metals supports these initiatives and can be used as a tool to deliver broader Member and stakeholder benefit.

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 PATROS SRL

PATROS SRL is a company that operates in the jewellery industry since 1971 and based in Cavazzale, Vicenza. The company was founded as a spin-off of Bottene Spa and today manufactures its own jewellery collection. PATROS also designs, engineers and manufactures high-end jewelry and fine jewelry for prestigious luxury brands worldwide.

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PATROS is certified by the Responsible Jewelry Council and SA 8000, holds two patents and produces everything in Italy. The high technological complexity of PATROS allows the company to place themselves at the highest levels of quality and production efficiency, internally placing CNC three-axis and five-axis machines, machines for rapid prototipation, microscopes for setting, 3D programs, laser machines for cutting, laser machines for welding, laser machines for writing and other important production technologies. The company's core values are excellence, discretion, determination, courage and humility, which are routinely communicated to all stakeholders.

RJC Certification Information – PATROS SRL

RJC Certified Members