



## NEWS RELEASE

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### RJC CERTIFIES UNITED PRECIOUS METAL REFINING, INC.

LONDON - RJC announced today that United Precious Metal Refining, Inc. has achieved Certification against the 2013 Code of Practices (COP) at its refining facility in New York, USA.

“It is a pleasure to announce United Precious Metal Refining, Inc. 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 United Precious Metal Refining, Inc.,” says Andrew Bone, RJC’s Executive Director.

The successful verification assessment was led by Miriam Rodriguez from SCS Global Services, one of the independent third-party auditing firms accredited by the RJC.

“United Precious Metal Refining, Inc. is pleased to become a certified member of the RJC. We take our commitment to ensuring a responsible supply chain very seriously for ourselves and for the customers we serve around the world. UPMR is proud to have earned this respected status. This latest certification by the RJC is another validation of the work we do and our commitment to both the jewelry industry and our customers,” says Vincent Guadagna, President of United Precious Metal Refining, Inc.

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#### About RJC

The Responsible Jewellery Council is an international not-for-profit standards and certification organisation. It has more than 700 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 [Full Member of the ISEAL Alliance](#) – the global association for sustainability standards. For more information on RJC Members, Certification, and Standards please visit [www.responsiblejewellery.com](http://www.responsiblejewellery.com)

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**About United Precious Metal Refining, Inc.**

Established in 1988, United Precious Metal Refining, Inc. is a primary refinery for precious metals, assisting jewelry customers with the recovery of gold, silver, platinum and palladium from jewelry scrap as well as from jewelry manufacturing by-products such as sweeps, polishing dust, grindings, sink sludge and more. United's commitment to the environment is an integral part of their business structure and as such, is proud to house its own waste treatment plant in the refinery.

United Precious Metal Refining, Inc. is also a leading manufacturer of products for the jewelry industry with global distribution to over 23,000 customers in 21 countries. From fine gold to karated grain to solders, wire, sheet and tube, United carries a variety of products that serve customers ranging from small repair shops to major manufacturers around the world. United is approved to be a "Good Delivery" gold supplier against the Commodity Exchange (COMEX) gold futures contracts. In addition to the new RJC certification, United is also certified by SCS Global Services for 100% recycled gold and silver and EICC for their responsible sourcing and conflict-free gold. For more information about United PMR, visit their website at [www.UnitedPMR.com](http://www.UnitedPMR.com).

**[RJC Certification Information – United Precious Metal Refining, Inc.](#)****[RJC Certified Members](#)**

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