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## Benchmark

IS A CERTIFIED MEMBER

NUMBER: 0000 4526  
DURATION: 3 Year  
PERIOD: January 24, 2023 - January 24, 2026  
STANDARD: Code of Practices 2019

DAVID BOUFFARD  
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# CERTIFICATION OVERVIEW

MEMBERSHIP FORUM	Jewellery and Watch Manufacturer and/or Wholesaler
AUDIT DATE	November 01, 2022
AUDIT TYPE	First Certification
APPLICABLE STANDARD	Code of Practices 2019
ACCREDITED AUDIT FIRM	SCS Global Services
APPLICABLE PROVISIONS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <b>General requirements:</b> 1-4, except 3.2</li><li>2. <b>Responsible supply chains, human rights and due diligence:</b> 5-14, except 7.3, 8, 9, 11.3, 13.3-4</li><li>3. <b>Labor rights and working conditions:</b> 15-22, except 19.3, 21.3</li><li>4. <b>Health, Safety and Environment:</b> 23-27, except 23.10, 27.4</li><li>5. <b>Gold, Silver, PGM, diamond and coloured gemstone products:</b> 28-30, except 28.2j, 29.2, 30</li><li>6. <b>Responsible mining:</b> Not applicable</li></ol>

PROVENANCE  
CLAIMS

Any Benchmark wedding band herein invoiced containing gold is made with 100% recycled gold, sourced directly from suppliers with SCS Recycled Content certification.

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AUDITOR STATEMENT OF  
CONFORMANCE

Based on the scope and findings of the certification audit, the member has demonstrated a conformance level consistent with a:

3 Year Certification

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NEXT AUDIT TYPE

MID-TERM REVIEW (within 12-24 months):

- A. Mid-term review NOT required due to:**
- No anticipated changes to the certification scope during the certification period
  - 3 or less minor non-conformances with critical provisions or in general identified by the audit (not covered by parallel audits for schemes identified as equivalent to RJC's) for an individual member in the mining sector or a non-mining sector member
  - <25 full time equivalent personnel
  - Low risk of non-conformances due to management controls
  - Existence of parallel audits for schemes recognized by RJC
  - Strong internal controls ensuring effective review and closure of corrective actions for non-conformances
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- B. Mid-term review (desktop only) required due to:**
- No impact on conformance levels from any changes to the certification scope
  - 5 or less minor non-conformances with critical provisions or in general identified by the audit (not covered by parallel audits for schemes identified as equivalent to RJC's) for an individual member in the mining sector or a non-mining sector member
  - Possibility of remote verification of actions
  - No risk to critical provisions
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- C. Mid-term review (with a site visit) required due to:
  - Known and anticipated changes to the certification scope during the certification period
  - Member no longer supporting external standards and initiatives recognized by RJC
  - 6 or more minor non-conformances with critical provisions or in general identified by the audit (not covered by parallel audits for schemes identified as equivalent to RJC's) for an individual member in the mining sector or a non-mining sector member
  - New systems and controls for critical provisions that could not be tested at the certification audit
  - Need to test new systems and controls ensuring respect for critical provisions
  - Facilities with risk of non-conformances with critical provisions
  - Other reasons presented by the lead auditor necessitating an onsite verification

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## CERTIFICATION SCOPE

Business name of entity/facility  
Benchmark

Location (City and Country)  
Tuscaloosa, USA

Business Activity  
Manufacturing and wholesale, minimal consumer-direct website sales

## ABOUT THIS CERTIFICATION

This certification is issued by the Responsible Jewellery Council in accordance with its standards and supporting documentation, available on the [RJC website](#).

This certificate can be authenticated on the [RJC website](#). Please contact [certification@responsiblejewellery.com](mailto:certification@responsiblejewellery.com) with any questions.

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