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Benchmark

IS A CERTIFIED MEMBER OF
THE RESPONSIBLE JEWELLERY COUNCIL

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

DAVID BOUFFARD
CHAIRMAN

JOHN HALL
INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



CERTIFICATION OVERVIEW

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| MEMBERSHIP FORUM | Jewellery and Watch Manufacturer and/or Wholesaler |
| AUDIT DATE | 01 November 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">1. General requirements: 1-4, except 3.22. Responsible supply chains, human rights and due diligence: 5-14, except 7.3, 8, 9, 11.3, 13.3-43. Labour rights and working conditions: 15-22, except 19.3, 21.34. Health, Safety and Environment: 23-27, except 23.10, 27.45. Gold, Silver, PGM, diamond and coloured gemstone products: 28-30, except 28.2j, 29.2, 306. Responsible mining: Not applicable |

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.

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

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 recognised 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 recognised 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

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 with any questions.

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