



## NEWS RELEASE

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### DOUBLE RJC CERTIFICATION FOR ITALIAN GOLD ALLOY & MASTER ALLOY PRODUCER, PROGOLD S.P.A

LONDON - The Responsible Jewellery Council (RJC) announced today that Progold S.p.A, the Italian gold alloy and master alloy producer, has achieved certification against both RJC Standards. Progold has not only met the highest ethical, social and environmental standards established by the RJC's Member Certification system, but they have also achieved RJC Chain of Custody (CoC) Certification. The CoC Standard supports responsible, conflict-sensitive sourcing in supply chains via a chain-of-custody through Certified entities.

"This is RJC's first double certification against both of its standards – the Code of Practices and Chain of Custody. RJC is delighted to congratulate Progold S.p.A on achieving certification against both RJC Standards simultaneously, taking an efficient and cost effective path to Certification. Progold's Certification results from successful verification assessments conducted by Paolo Andriollo from Bureau Veritas, one of the independent third-party auditing firms accredited by the RJC," says Michael Rae, RJC's Chief Executive Officer.

"We believe in rules, but especially in fair rules and today RJC certification perfectly represents what we believe in. Being ethically responsible and having complete transparency means being able to evaluate the impact of our decisions and actions on the society and the environment. For this reason our daily target is to integrate Corporate Social Responsibility into our Core Business. We want to ensure that our development, which today meets our needs, doesn't compromise the possibility of fulfilling the needs of future generations," says Damiano Zito, CEO of Progold S.p.A.

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#### About RJC

The Responsible Jewellery Council is an international not-for-profit organisation bringing together more than 415 member companies. RJC and its Members are committed to promoting responsible ethical, human rights, social and environmental practices in a transparent and accountable manner throughout the jewellery industry from mine to retail. This commitment aims to reinforce consumer and stakeholder confidence in diamond, gold and platinum metals jewellery products. The RJC has developed the RJC Member Certification system which applies to all Members' businesses that contribute to the diamond, gold and platinum metals jewellery supply chain. All Certified Members of the RJC are audited by accredited, third party auditors to verify their conformance with the RJC's Code of Practices. A voluntary Chain-of-Custody Standard has also been developed for gold and platinum group metals. 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 Progold S.p.A**

Progold S.p.A. was set up in 1997 for the production and sales of master alloys for goldsmith and silversmith and quickly became a reference point within the sector. Progold's Corporate Core business is the production of master alloys. Progold Master alloys have been researched to meet the needs of jewellery and goldsmith producers. From investment casting to plastic deformation and all applications, highlighting the main physical, chemical, mechanical and technological features. To ensure compliance, all Progold products have been researched and developed in our internal R&D Department following market needs and customer feedback; production is completely in-house thus enabling us to offer excellent customization. The excellence of Progold products is the result of the attention given to every single production stage: raw materials undergo constant and strict quality controls to keep standard up and are supplied only by certified suppliers.

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