

NEWS RELEASE

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RJC RE-CERTIFIES BETTS METAL SALES

LONDON - RJC announced today that Betts Metal Sales has achieved Certification against the 2013 Code of Practices (COP) at its retail outlets in Birmingham, UK.

"It is a pleasure to announce Betts Metal Sales has been certified against the 2013 COP. The 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 Betts Metal Sales," says Andrew Bone, RJC's Executive Director.

The successful verification assessment was led by Peter Warbrick from SGS United Kingdom Limited, one of the independent third-party auditing firms accredited by the RJC.

"Betts Metal Sales are delighted to have attained RJC Re-Certification for three years as we take pride in our responsible business practices. The Betts family has been serving the jewellery industry for over 250 years and are committed to offer a true 21st century service proposition, whilst retaining our core 18th century values of integrity, service and quality. These are also the core values we adopt when selecting our supply partners," says Karen Martin, Operations Director, Betts Metal Sales.

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About RJC

The Responsible Jewellery Council is an international not-for-profit standards and certification organisation. It has more than 850 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 Betts Metal Sales

Betts Metal Sales is part of the Stephen Betts Group of Companies which was formed in 1760. The company was launched in 1985 to complement the smelting and refining services that had already been established. It offers a huge stocked range

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of precious metals, findings and wedding ring blanks, as well as a huge range of jewellery tools since its recent acquisition of Sutton Tools. We are also proud to be able to claim that we are FLOCERT accredited to process Fairtrade Gold and Silver.

Although part of an organisation that can claim over 250 years of experience in the jewellery trade, Betts Metal Sales employs technologies to ensure products and services are leading edge, the company is now managed by the ninth consecutive generation of the Betts family and customer service is still at the core of the business values.

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RJC Certification Information – Betts Metal Sales

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