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RJC RE-CERTIFIES CLOGAU GOLD OF WALES LTD

LONDON - RJC announced today that Clogau Gold of Wales Ltd has achieved Certification against the 2013 Code of Practices (COP) at its Headquarters and retail facilities in the UK.

"It is a pleasure to announce Clogau Gold of Wales Ltd 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 Clogau Gold of Wales Ltd," says Andrew Bone, RJC's Executive Director.

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

Clogau Managing Director, Ben Roberts, commented: "Our Re-Certification endorses Clogau's ongoing commitment to upholding the highest ethical and environmental standards in line with the RJC's COP. We're incredibly proud to work side by side with the RJC to ensure that the brand continues to grow and prosper within a responsible environment."

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About RJC

The Responsible Jewellery Council is an international not-for-profit standards and certification organisation. It has more than 800 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 Clogau Gold of Wales Ltd

Clogau is a second generation family business based in North Wales who continue a long tradition of creating jewellery that is expertly hand-finished and uniquely designed. Every Clogau piece contains rare Welsh gold - the Gold of Royalty for over 100 years.

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The Clogau brand was founded in 1989 with just five pieces of jewellery and a handful of Welsh retailers. Over 25 years later, Clogau has firmly established itself as a nationally-renowned brand that is sold worldwide in leading jewellery stores, on-line and on some of the world's best airlines. In 2012 and 2015 Clogau were the proud winners of the Brand of the Year award at the UK Jewellery Awards and also won the Bridal Collection of the Year in 2015 for their Clogau Compose® range of bespoke engagement rings.

In 2016 Clogau were identified as one of London Stock Exchange's 1000 Companies to Inspire Britain. The report was a celebration of the UK's fastest-growing and most dynamic small and medium sized businesses. Despite their growing success, Clogau remains a proud Welsh family business that is just as committed to creating jewellery of the utmost beauty and originality, staying true to their Welsh roots and celebrating their royal connections.

RJC Certification Information – Clogau Gold of Wales Ltd

RJC Certified Members