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RJC RE-CERTIFIES GYR EDELMETALLE AG

LONDON - RJC announced today that Gyr Edelmetalle AG has achieved Re-Certification against the 2013 Code of Practices (COP) at its headquarters in Baar, Switzerland.

"It is a pleasure to announce Gyr Edelmetalle AG has been re-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 Gyr Edelmetalle AG," says Andrew Bone, RJC's Executive Director.

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

"We are very glad to be recertified by the RJC. The certification outlines our self-imposed requirements for products and services that meet the highest ethical and environmental standards. Furthermore, our own OEKOGOLD®-Label, that guarantees the origin of the raw material as 100% recycled, is also validated by this certification which means added value for our customers," says Reto Anderhub, Communications Manager of Gyr Edelmetalle AG.

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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 Gyr Edelmetalle AG

Gyr Edelmetalle AG (<u>www.gyr.ch</u>) is a reliable, forward-looking company that specializes in selling small quantities of semi-finished products and in recycling scrap gold for goldsmiths and gold traders.

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The Swiss enterprise operates with high transparency according to the strictest and most up-to-date environmental standards. The company dates back to 1993 when Jean-Christophe Gyr founded the GYR EDELMETALLE AG. In 2009, in cooperation with its German partner Dr. Bernhard Burger AG, Gyr built its own state-of-the-art melting facility in Germany. As a matter of course Burger & Gyr Edelmetalle Recycling AG has also achieved the RJC certification.

Gyr Edelmetalle AG only engages in business relationships with selected, qualified partners and its goods and services are designed for professionals.

According to the RJC-requirements, the company operates within a strictly controlled, closed circuit of recycled precious metals. Through the OEKOGOLD® programme, Gyr Edelmetalle AG guarantees that its semi-finished products (Halbzeug) originate from this recycling circuit.

RJC Certification Information – Gyr Edelmetalle AG

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