

# **NEWS RELEASE**

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### RJC RE-CERTIFIES ITALPREZIOSI SPA

LONDON - RJC announced today that Italpreziosi Spa has achieved Certification against the 2013 Code of Practices (COP) at its refining facility in Arezzo, Italy.

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

The successful verification assessment was led by Simone Olmo from Bureau Veritas Italia, one of the independent third-party auditing firms accredited by the RJC.

"Italpreziosi Spa wishes to express its satisfaction for having achieved RJC recertification for another three years. We aim to uphold our commitment to responsible business practices and to maintain the highest levels of ethical standards and sustainability. As part of our objective to maintain our good reputation, we will continue to share the RJC best business practice principles with our peers, transferring and sharing transparency and responsibility throughout the entire precious metals supply chain," says Ms. Ivana Ciabatti, CEO of Italpreziosi Spa.

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### **About RJC**

The Responsible Jewellery Council is an international not-for-profit standards and certification organisation. It has more than 900 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 Italpreziosi Spa

Italpreziosi has been involved in the business of precious metal trading since its foundation in the 1984, positioning itself in-between leading italian companies and taking over the principal international markets thanks to our values of respect of the environment and people. A state of the art refinery of precious metals has been recently inaugurated, built employing the most innovative technologies in this field and environmentally-friendly

Italpreziosi is registered at Banca d'Italia with the number 5000120; since 2008 it is an "Associate member" of the LBMA (London Bullion Market Association) which represents the most important worldwide market for what concerns the trade of gold and silver and it is "Patron Member" of IPMI (International Institute of Precious Metals), world association specialized in the area of precious metals and also created with the purpose of sharing information and technology.

The company obtained certification from the Responsible Jewelry Council (RJC) COP "Code of Practices" in February of 2013 and the "Provenence Claim Bolt On" certification in June 2014, and its policy follows the principles defense of human and environment rights, guaranteeing the traceability of the supply chain, from the extraction to the production, and of the jewels business. Since 2008, it holds the 50% of Goldlake IP, one of the first companies all over the world in the trading and the refining of "etic gold". In 2015 Italpreziosi also became official contributor of the prices of precious metals of Bloomberg and of Thomson Reuters. <a href="http://www.italpreziosi.it/">http://www.italpreziosi.it/</a>

RJC Certification Information – Italpreziosi Spa

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