

NEWS RELEASE

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RJC CERTIFIES JEWELLERY MANUFACTURER, QUALITY GOLD INC.

LONDON - RJC announced today that Quality Gold Inc. has achieved Certification against the 2013 Code of Practices (COP) at its facilities in the USA and Canada.

"It is a pleasure to announce Quality Gold Inc. 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 Quality Gold Inc.," says Andrew Bone, RJC's Executive Director.

The successful verification assessment was led by UL Responsible Sourcing, one of the independent thirdparty auditing firms accredited by the RJC.

"Quality Gold is proud to have achieved RJC Certification. This certification validates that our corporate values and highly ethical business standards align with those of the RJC. This accomplishment is an important milestone and helps to emphasize our ability to meet and exceed our customer expectations while adhering to the time-tested business principles in place at Quality Gold," says Michael Langhammer, CEO of Quality Gold.

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About RJC

The Responsible Jewellery Council is an international not-for-profit standards and certification organisation. It has more than 700 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 Quality Gold Inc.

Quality Gold, Inc. was founded in 1979 and is based in Fairfield, Ohio. It actively serves more than 30,000 retailers across the United States, its territories and Canada. Offering more than 250,000 jewelry and gift products, Quality Gold has built

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RJC Certification Information – Quality Gold Inc.

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