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UMICORE PRECIOUS METALS (THAILAND) LTD ACHIEVES RJC CHAIN-OF-CUSTODY RE-CERTIFICATION

LONDON - RJC today announced that Umicore Precious Metals (Thailand) Ltd, has achieved Re-Certification against the RJC Chain-of-Custody (CoC) Standard.

"RJC is delighted to congratulate Umicore Precious Metals (Thailand) Ltd on having achieved RJC CoC Certification. CoC Certification provides a mechanism for Members to demonstrate how they are implementing the OECD Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Supply Chains," says Andrew Bone, RJC's Executive Director.

Umicore Precious Metals (Thailand) Ltd's CoC Certification results from a successful verification assessment conducted by UL Responsible Sourcing, an international auditing company accredited by the RJC.

"In 2013, Umicore Precious Metals (Thailand) Ltd was one of the first companies achieving the highly regarded RJC Chain of Custody-certification, and we are very proud to achieve our recertification. We believe that metal-related materials have a vital role, as they can be efficiently and infinitely recycled, which makes them the basis for more sustainable products and services. The RJC and CoC principles correspond perfectly with our ambition to combine commercial success with social responsibility and a commitment to environmental protection," says Jeroen Dejonckheere, Managing Director Umicore Precious Metals (Thailand) Ltd.

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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.

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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 Umicore Precious Metals (Thailand) Ltd

Umicore Precious Metals Thailand (Ltd) is a part of Allgemeine Gold- und Silberscheideanstalt (Agosi) and of the Umicore Group, Brussels. Umicore's overriding goal of sustainable value creation is based on an ambition to develop, produce and recycle materials in a way that fulfils its mission: materials for a better life. Its social commitment and innovative environmental approach have made Umicore to be included in the Ftse4Good Index, a pioneering global responsible investment index featuring companies that demonstrate strong environmental, social and governance practices measured against globally recognized standards. For more details: www.umicore.com

Umicore Precious Metals (Thailand) Ltd., based on over one hundred years of experience and tradition in the precious metal business, focuses on precious metal business such as precious metal refining, production and distribution of semi-finished products for the jewellery and electroplating industry. The company is located in the Gemopolis Industrial Estate, on the eastern outskirts of Bangkok, close to Suvarnabhumi Airport.

With its closed-loop concept, Agosi specializes in the refining of secondary precious metals bearing materials. Consequently, we entered the strict certification process of the RJC, resulting in Agosi being the first German precious metals refiner to be granted the RJC Certificate – a seal of quality for our products and their morally and ethically correct background.

RJC CoC Certification Information - Umicore Precious Metals (Thailand) Ltd

Chain of Custody Certified Members