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RJC CERTIFIES REPUBLIC METALS CORPORATION

LONDON - RJC announced today that Republic Metals Corporation (Republic Metals) has achieved Certification against the new 2013 Code of Practices (COP) at its refinery facilities in Florida, USA. The new 2013 COP was released in November 2013.

"It is a pleasure to announce Republic Metals Corporation's Certification against the 2013 COP. The new provisions under the 2013 COP address important issues for our Members and their supply chain. We are thrilled to see Members achieving these early Certifications against the new standard and warmly congratulate Republic Metals," says Catherine Sproule, RJC's Chief Executive Officer - Interim.

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

"We are very proud to have achieved Certification with this prestigious association. This is a testament to Republic Metals' commitment to fair, transparent, and ethical business practices as well as the superior treatment of Republic's employees, clients, and human beings in general. It is among Republic's highest of priorities to maintain continuity as a company that is representative of strong moral values and high ethical standards in the precious metals industry," says Jason Rubin, President and CEO of Republic Metals.

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About RJC

The Responsible Jewellery Council is an international not-for-profit standards and certification organisation. It has more than 500 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 Republic Metals Corporation

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Headquartered in Miami, Florida, Republic Metals was established in 1980 and has since grown to become one of the largest primary precious metals refineries in the world. Republic Metals is listed by both the London Bullion Market Association (LBMA) and Chicago Mercantile Exchange (COMEX/CME Group) as a good delivery refiner, and is designated as a "Responsible Gold Party" by the LBMA. All business conducted by Republic is done so in a sustainable manner with strict adherence to the US Patriot Act, Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, and its supply chain management policies.

In 1998 Republic Metals became the first precious metals refinery in the US to receive ISO14001 registration. The company maintains its ISO14001 registration to this day through the development and use of proprietary green refining technology, and a strong commitment to maintaining environmentally friendly operations. Republic Metals 150,000 square foot refinery has an annual refining capacity of greater than 5,000 tons of gold and silver. For more information about Republic Metals Corporation visit www.republicmetalscorp.com/

RJC Certification Information – Republic Metals Corporation

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