

NEWS RELEASE

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RJC CERTIFIES AURARIA S. R. L.

LONDON - RJC announced today that Auraria s. r. l. has achieved Certification against the new 2013 Code of Practices (COP) at its manufacturing facility in Castelgandolfo, Italy. The new 2013 COP was released in November 2013.

"It is a pleasure to announce Auraria s. r. l. as the second Italian Member to be certified 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 Auraria s. r. l. ,"says Ashish Deo, RJC's Chief Executive Officer.

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.

"We are proud to have achieved the RJC Certification. It is very important for our Company to be part of a wider reality that pays attention to ethical and human values. Our company's aim is to carry out business endeavours with suppliers and partners in a responsible and ethical manner. Moreover, it is essential for us to raise awareness on the importance of respecting human rights and of working correctly in such a delicate industry as jewellery," announced Marcello Fradiani and Alessio Tirinato, Owners, Auraria s. r. l.

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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>

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About Auraria s. r. l.

Auraria was created in 2003 by the two young owners Marcello Fradiani and Alessio Tirinato's idea of creating a unique and refined jewellery. Through its jewelry Auraria wants to express the history of the Italian handmade jewel, the elegant tradition of the goldsmiths and the sublime craftsmanship of our Masters. Auraria is synonym of reliability and high quality and for this reason it has been chosen by important brands to produce, create and develop their precious jewels. For more information please see <u>www.auraria.it</u>

RJC Certification Information – Auraria s. r. l.

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