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VALCAMBI SA ACHIEVES BOTH COP 2013 AND CoC CERTIFICATION

LONDON - RJC announced today that Valcambi SA achieved Certification against the new 2013 Code of Practices (COP) and Chain-of-Custody Certification at its refining facility in Balerna, Switzerland. The Swiss refiner met the highest ethical, social and environmental standards as established by the RJC.

"RJC congratulates Valcambi SA on achieving COP Certification against the 2013 COP and CoC Certification for its refining facility in Balerna. The new provisions under the 2013 COP address important issues for our Members and their supply chain. Additionally, CoC Certification provides a mechanism for refiners to demonstrate how they are implementing the OECD Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Supply Chains," says Catherine Sproule, RJC's Chief Executive Officer - Interim.

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

"Valcambi, as a leader in the international refining Industry, focuses constantly on being a guiding example when it comes to ethical values and professional standards. We are proud to have achieved both of RJC's Certifications, according to the Code of Practices and the Chain-of-Custody standards. To continuously lift the benchmarks for more transparency and quality is our company's primary aim. By doing so we protect our reputation, our clients and suppliers' reputation and develop and guarantee continuous success for all parties involved," says Michael Mesaric, CEO, Valcambi SA.

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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 [Full Member of the ISEAL Alliance](#) – the global association for sustainability standards. For more information on RJC Members, Certification, and Standards please visit www.responsiblejewellery.com

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About Valcambi SA

Valcambi SA is a leader in precious metals refining and operates one of the world's largest and most efficient integrated precious metals plants. As a world leader in precious metals refining technology, we are serving all sectors of the global market for Gold, Silver and Platinum Group Metals.

Located in Balerna, Switzerland, our operation services the diverse precious metals needs of industrial users, commercial institutions, private investors and governments. Valcambi produces a wide range of finished and semi-finished products, including: Casted Bars, Minted Ingots, Watch Cases, Finished Coins and Medals and Coin Blanks.

Valcambi is independently managed, and its 200 employees are highly experienced in precious metals, well-trained and deliver the timely, quality-assured and cost-efficient service you expect for your business.

All products produced in our foundry and mining facilities are certified by our laboratory, carefully inspected by our operators, individually packed and controlled before shipment. The Hallmark is not only a guarantee for quality of Swiss workmanship, it guarantees also the fineness of the most sought after bars in the world, desired by precious metals connoisseurs and investors alike. For more information visit www.valcambi.com

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