

## Responsible Jewellery Council

### Responsible Jewellery Council (RJC), London, has amended the CoC-Certificate for Agosi: Platinum and palladium of conflict-free origin

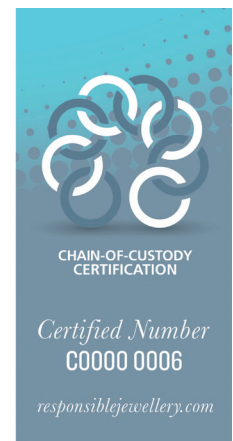
Agosi has received the RJC Chain of Custody Certification for platinum and Palladium. "CoC Certification provides a mechanism for refiners to demonstrate how they are implementing the OECD Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Supply Chains", says the RJC.

"For Agosi, this is a logical consequence following our guideline for responsibly produced fine gold. The necessary CoC-mechanisms have already been implemented for gold, so applying them to platinum and palladium is simply consistent with this approach. We aim at responsible precious metals, they are the key factors at the core of our activities", says Dietmar Becker, CEO of Agosi. Thomas Weiss, Director Sales & Precious Metals, explains: "One of the major changes in the precious metals sector is that consumers increasingly voice concern about the origin of precious metals, especially in jewellery." Agosi is the first German refinery to have received this certificate for its conflict-free chain of delivery according to the standards set by the Responsible Jewellery Council (RJC), London. "The term 'conflict-free' needs to be explained", says Weiss. "Strictly speaking, a conflict-free raw material was not involved in the financing of armed conflicts and terrorist activities in the Democratic Republic of Congo or its neighbouring countries." The CoC Certificate (Chain of Custody) of the RJCC also comprises environmental standards, working conditions and human rights. It signifies that Agosi has proven to act responsibly and to use or supply fine gold, platinum or palladium from conflict-free sources. "Customers who explicitly pay heed to this quality mark their orders as 'CoC-conform' and can rest assured that the Agosi products delivered accordingly originate from verifiable conflict-free raw materials. Agosi is part of the Umicore group and as such, we take the Umicore-motto 'Materials for a better life' quite literally," Becker concludes.

### About the 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](http://www.responsiblejewellery.com)



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