

Agosi achieves RJC Chain of Custody Certification

„It is our ambition to combine commercial success with social responsibility and a commitment to environmental protection,” says Dietmar Becker, CEO Allgemeine Gold- und Silberscheideanstalt AG (Agosi). For this reason, Agosi is a certified member of the Responsible Jewellery Council (RJC). “Our guidelines correspond perfectly with those of the RJC,” Becker continues, “Transparency and ethically responsible business practices are of utmost importance – however, Agosi went one fundamental step further.”



This fundamental step has proven to be a further milestone for the company. Agosi is the first German precious metals refiner to have been granted both the RJC certified membership and, as a next step, the highly regarded Chain of Custody-certification. “We are proud to set an example as the first German supplier on the precious metals markets that offers fine gold of certified origin from conflict-free and ethically responsible sources”, explains Becker. This is documented in corresponding paperwork that accompanies each delivery of Agosi CoC conforming material, be it fine gold or semi-finished products made of gold alloys. “We equally pay attention to ethical and environmental aspects – Agosi fine gold does not come from conflict regions.”

On fine gold, there is a special focus due to its being mined as a rare raw material. The most promising deposits are located in development countries and politically unstable regions. Consequently, the population and the environment in these areas often suffer from inadequate mining methods. The Responsible Jewellery Council (RJC, London) is an international not-for-profit organisation bringing together more than 440 member companies. It aims at promoting human rights as well as social and environmental practices in a transparent and accountable manner throughout the jewellery industry from mine to retail. The RJC CoC-certificate is a landmark in precious metals markets. It stands for sustainability and testifies that the products were manufactured responsibly and conflict-free.

In fact, this claim is becoming increasingly important for the entire precious metals businesses, the electrotechnical, IT- and investment industries. “The customer demands information on the origin and processing of the material. Our CoC-certificate also complies to the standards of other international organizations, for example the Gold Guidance of the OECD”, adds Becker. For industrial applications, the CoC reflects the guidelines of the conflict-free smelter programme of the EICC (Electronic Industry Citizenship Coalition), and is recognized as such.

As an accredited Good Delivery Refiner at the London precious metals market, Agosi and its CoC-status meet the standards of the Gold Guidance programme of the London Bullion Market Association (LBMA). “This is another clear signal towards greater justice, more fairness and better transparency”, says Becker.

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