

Allgemeine is RJC-certified

With its membership in the Responsible Jewellery Council (located in London), Allgemeine supports the organisation in advancing responsible ethical, social and environmental practices, which respect human rights, throughout the diamond and gold jewellery supply chain, from mine to retail.

As an instrument to achieve this goal, the Council has implemented a certification process that enables companies within the diamond and gold jewellery supply chain to qualify themselves according to the criteria set up by the RJC, thus adding a competitive edge to their service portfolio, which is becoming increasingly important as consumers pay more attention to sustainability, fair competition and eco-friendly aspects.

Allgemeine is the first German precious metals refinery that successfully completed the certification process by the end of 2011, and was granted the RJC-certificate on January 25, 2012. Within the certification process, the Umicore Business Unit Jewellery & Industrial Metals was represented by audits in Pforzheim/Germany, Amsterdam/NL (Schoene Edelmetaal) and Foshan/China (Umicore Jewellery Materials Processing (Foshan) Co. Ltd.).

„With its international business activities, Allgemeine combines economic success with social responsibility and protection of the environment. Therefore, Allgemeine’s principles are fully represented in the mission of the RJC, „ says Dietmar Becker, CEO. As a full service provider in the precious metal sector, Allgemeine recovers finemetals from secondary materials, i.e. from scraps, sweeps and residues resulting from precious metal processing industries. Thus Allgemeine’s membership in the RJC was both a logical consequence and a further completion of its business strategy, Becker continues. „Customers, employees and shareholders as well as society and the environment profit from Allgemeine’s success.“

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