



## NEWS RELEASE

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### HERAEUS LIMITED ACHIEVES DUAL RJC CERTIFICATION

LONDON - RJC announced today that Heraeus Limited, one of Asia's biggest precious metal refiners and traders, has achieved Certification against the 2013 Code of Practices (COP) at its trading and refining facility in Hong Kong. In addition, Heraeus Limited also achieved certification against the RJC's Chain-of-Custody (CoC) standard for precious metals.

"It is a pleasure to announce Heraeus Limited has been certified against the COP and CoC. The new provisions under the 2013 COP address important issues for our Members and their supply chain. We are delighted to see Members achieving Certification against the standard and warmly congratulate Heraeus Limited. Furthermore, CoC Certification provides a mechanism for Members to demonstrate how they are implementing the OECD Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Supply Chains," says Andrew Bone, RJC's Executive Director.

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

"We are very proud to have achieved dual RJC Certification, according to the Code of Practices and Chain-of-Custody standards. Being one of the world's biggest precious metal refiners and traders, Heraeus provides products and services to customers in the jewellery industry and bullion banks under those standards and by thus we also contribute to the success of our customers," says Mr. Henrik Marx, General Manager of Heraeus Limited and Heraeus Metals Hong Kong Limited. "Our strong commitment to corporate social responsibility as well as highest compliance standards have been for a long time part of our guiding principles at Heraeus. The certificate by RJC is an important milestone confirming these principles."

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#### About RJC

The Responsible Jewellery Council is an international not-for-profit standards and certification organisation. It has more than 700 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

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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)

#### **About Heraeus Limited**

Heraeus Limited (HLH), a branch of Heraeus Metal Management, has been present in Hong Kong since 1974. Its principal businesses include the refining, trading, manufacturing and marketing of precious metals either as pure metals or as products.

Heraeus Metal Management is the precious metal trading and recycling unit of technology group Heraeus. It provides customers with integrated precious metal solutions, combining precious metal solutions from Heraeus with comprehensive precious metal services. With trading offices in New York, Hong Kong, Shanghai and Hanau, Heraeus Metal Management is active in every relevant time zone around the world. With its longstanding experience, it is among the leading names in international precious metals trading and a reliable partner for integrated precious metals management offering leading compliance standards, transparency and financial stability.

To highlight our continuing commitment to quality, service and environmental protection, Heraeus Limited has been accredited to the ISO9001:2008 Quality Management System and ISO14001:2004 Environmental Management System standards. Our laboratory is a HOKLAS Accredited Laboratory in accordance with the recognized International Standard ISO/IEC 17025:2005. For more information about Heraeus, please visit [www.heraeus.com](http://www.heraeus.com).

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