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Expanding the offer of Fairmined metals in Europe

Metalor Group signs on as Fairmined Operator

As another demonstration of the gold industry's increasing commitment to ethical practices and certification systems, the Alliance for Responsible Mining (ARM) is happy to announce its recent authorization of Metalor as a Fairmined Refiner.

Metalor is a leading worldwide precious-metals refiner. With subsidiaries in 17 countries, the Swiss-based group will be offering refining services in Fairmined gold upon request. Metalor will be able to provide fully traceable Fairmined gold via the Fairmined Labeled sourcing model as well as offering certified gold through Fairmined's new innovative sourcing model "Fairmined Incorporated". Fairmined Incorporated provides the gold sector with a flexible way of integrating Fairmined certified materials into supply chains while reducing some of the barriers and costs associated with fully traceable gold.

"As a responsible multinational Group, Metalor continuously deploys efforts to ensure the precious metals it refines and transforms come only from legitimate sources. We are extremely proud to be the first and only LBMA precious-metals refiner in the world to offer refining services in Fairmined gold. This successful achievement represents a further proof of our leadership and proactive ethical conduct and of our ongoing commitment to socially responsible business practices", said Reto Steiner, Sales and Marketing Director of Metalor Refining.

"We are proud to have Metalor join the group of Fairmined operators, who are such an important part of the Fairmined supply chain. Metalor's commitment to sourcing Fairmined certified gold following all system requirements regarding premiums, traceability, reporting and communications represents a sustainable opportunity to drive positive change in the artisanal mining sector and in the jewellery, financial and electronics industry ", said Lina Villa-Córdoba, Executive Director of the Alliance for responsible Mining.

In the Alliance for Responsible Mining, one of the priorities is connecting Fairmined certified miners with brands interested in supporting responsible mining communities. Having Metalor as Fairmined Operator contributes to this goal and facilitates the brands' access to Fairmined certified gold enabling them to make a real difference in the quality of life for Artisanal and Small-scale miners and their families. The response from the gold sector has been very positive towards the renovated Fairmined Standard and business model and Alliance for Responsible



Mining is seeing an increase in interest and commitment from a broad range of actors that want to be part of transforming mining into an active force for good.

For RJC members, it should be noted that Fairmined materials qualify for RJC Chain of Custody (CoC), which Metalor is capable of supplying.

To inquire about sourcing Fairmined gold please contact kennethporter@communitymining.org

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About the Alliance for Responsible Mining (ARM)

[The Alliance for Responsible Mining \(ARM\)](#) is an independent, global-scale, pioneering initiative established in 2004 to enhance equity and wellbeing in Artisanal and Small-scale Mining (ASM) communities. ARM is committed to social justice and environmental responsibility as the values driving the transformation of ASM.

ARM's vision is for ASM to become a formalized, organized and profitable activity that uses efficient technologies and is socially and environmentally responsible. **ARM's work** is focused on four strategic areas: Standard Setting, Producer Support, Market Development and Advocacy and Communications.

[Fairmined](#) is an assurance label that certifies gold from empowered responsible mining communities. It is backed by a rigorous 3rd party certification and audit system that ensures that small entrepreneurial mining communities meet world leading standards for responsible practices. Fairmined transforms mining into an active force for good, ensuring social development and environmental protection providing everyone with a source of gold they can be proud of.

About Metalor Group

Metalor is a leading responsible player in the precious metals trade.

Through its three business units (Refining, Advanced Coatings and Electrotechnics) Metalor serves customers on all continents in a variety of industry sectors, from Swiss watch manufacturers to Mexican electrical equipment suppliers.

The Group's core competencies are chemistry, metallurgy and the management and transformation of precious metals.



Since its creation in 1852, Metalor's corporate culture has been founded upon honesty and integrity at all levels of the Company.

Metalor's primary objective is to create exceptional value for its customers, stakeholders and shareholders, within a culture of performance, innovation, trust, respect and ethics.

With subsidiaries all over the world, and more than 1700 employees, the Metalor Group is present in Europe, the United-States, South-America and Asia.

In 2013, Metalor's net sales amounted to CHF 337 million.

For more information about Metalor, you can visit our website at: www.metalor.com

About the London Bullion Market Association

The LBMA is the international trade association that represents the wholesale over-the-counter market for gold and silver bullion. The LBMA undertakes many activities on behalf of its members and the wider market, including the setting of good delivery and refining standards, the organisation of conferences and other events, and serving as a point of contact for the regulatory authorities. For more information, please visit www.lbma.org.uk. Register for the LBMA conference in Lima, Peru on 9-11 November, 2014 [here](#)

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