

Asahi Pretec Corp. becomes the fourth company and first refinery in Japan to acquire RJC certification

Asahi Pretec Corp. (President: Hiroyuki Nakanishi), which is responsible for the deployment of Asahi Holdings Group's precious metals recycling business, acquired RJC (Responsible Jewellery Council) certification on July 29, 2019. The corporation is a member of the supply chain for precious metals like gold and platinum, and was able to clear the RJC's strict standards audit in order to become the fourth company and first refinery in Japan to acquire the certification.

Since its establishment in 1952, Asahi Pretec Corp. has been expanding the scale of recycling in a variety of precious metal fields, such as photography, dentistry, electronics, jewelry and catalysts. With their core mission of "totally committed to protecting the natural environment and preserving resources", the group contributes to sustainability of the global environment. They have expanded the scope of these operations in recent years, focusing on responsible precious metals management by not engaging in transactions such as materials procurement in conflict areas where there are human rights violations, or transactions with organizations that could involve money laundering or the funding of terrorist organizations.

The corporation will make a further contribution to fulfill all refinery responsibilities moving forward by engaging in business activities and initiatives that prioritize consideration for ethics, society and the environment.

About RJC (Responsible Jewellery Council)

The RJC is an international non-profit organization that evaluates transparency, ethics and environmental efforts for the handling of gold, platinum, diamonds and other precious metals in the jewelry industry. Its members come from a variety of industries, from mining to retail, and certification is awarded to those who meet council standards. To obtain certification, applicants must pass a third-party certification audit to ensure they meet rigorous standards including corporate ethics, legal compliance, human rights, working environment and environmental protection.