



# Certified Responsible Source

## For Precious Metals

In response to increasing demand, refiners, manufacturers, fabricators, and jewelers who use platinum, gold, silver, and other precious metals are seeking raw material alternatives that are ethically sourced and have minimal environmental impact.



Certified Responsible Source for Precious Metals satisfies this demand. This new third-party certification from SCS Global Services (SCS) builds confidence in products made with Precious metals.

### CERTIFICATION FEATURES

**Recycled Metals** - Reduced reliance on mined materials by being derived solely from recycled metal sources.

**Conflict Free**— Avoids conflict metals and materials from questionable and illegal sources.

**Labor Protections** — Ensures that workers are treated fairly according to internationally recognized labor standards.

**Supply Chain Management** — Introduces supply chain risk management tools to improve sourcing strategies and prevent destructive environmental practices.

**Environmental Performance** — Establishes basic environmental performance standards and provides a clear pathway for continuing improvement over time.

### BENEFITS TO YOU AND YOUR CUSTOMERS

- Protect your reputation and reinforce your brand
- Help your customers meet their goals
- Strengthen your relationships with suppliers and partners
- Establish and build your environmental leadership position
- Benefit workers and avoid risks of labor disruptions
- Stand out in a crowded market

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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### Who qualifies for certification?

Refiners, fabricators, jewelers and other companies who use precious metals from recycled sources.

### What are the environmental requirements of the standard?

To be certified, companies must first develop and implement an environmental plan, then monitor air emissions, energy use, water use and discharge, land use, impacts on biodiversity, and waste generation and handling. Companies establish baseline performance levels and demonstrate significant improvement over time.

### What are the social requirements of the standard?

Certified companies uphold international standards related to fair, progressive, and safe social business practices. Key areas addressed include involuntary labor, forced labor, child labor, discrimination, transparent terms of employment, grievances, fair compensation practices, reasonable working hours, and environmental health and safety.

### What are the supply chain management requirements of the standard?

Ethical conduct extends beyond the doors of a company's manufacturing site. Certification ensures the integrity of a company's sourcing methods along the entire supply chain. Managing the source of recycled metals helps to eliminate conflict minerals, irresponsible e-waste processors, businesses that obtain material through deceptive or unethical means, money laundering, corruption, and financing of terrorism.

### How was the standard developed?

SCS is a neutral third-party certifier and standards developer, unaffiliated with any industry related businesses or trade associations. SCS consulted a wide array of stakeholders through the standards development and public comment process, including consumers, non-profits, retailers, scientists, manufacturers, and industry experts. We always welcome constructive feedback on our standards, and continuously update and improve them.

## SCS GLOBAL SERVICES

SCS Global Services has been providing global leadership in third-party environmental and sustainability certification, auditing, testing, and standards development for more than 25 years. SCS programs span a wide cross-section of industries, recognizing achievements in green building, product manufacturing, food and agriculture, forestry, retail, and more. SCS is a Certified B Corporation™, reflecting its commitment to socially and environmentally responsible business practices. SCS currently provides services under 16 internationally recognized accreditations.