



# FAIRMINED™ GOLD AND SILVER CERTIFICATION

## Enabling the Sustainable Development of Artisanal and Small-Scale Mining

### What is Fairmined™ Gold and Silver Certification?

Demonstrate your commitment to sustainability in the artisanal mining industry by trading or processing Fairmined™ certified gold and silver as an Authorized Supplier and Licensee. Fairmined certification signals that your gold, silver, and associated precious metals are mined from artisanal small-scale mines (ASM) following strict requirements for environmental protection, fair labor conditions, and economic development in mining communities.

Buyers, refiners, distributors, manufacturers, jewelers and other users of Fairmined certified gold and silver are eligible to earn distinction as Fairmined Authorized Suppliers and Licensees.

The Fairmined Standard was developed with stakeholders in the Alliance for Responsible Mining (ARM) network. It includes requirements for:

- Traceability
- Social development
- Economic development
- Conflict mitigation
- Environmental protection
- Ethical labor conditions

### Why get certified with SCS?

The Alliance for Responsible Mining (ARM) selected SCS as its partner to audit and authorize operators and licensees against its Fairmined standard. With three



decades of leadership in social and environmental auditing and standards development, SCS offers expertise in mineral traceability, transparency, and risk-based due diligence systems. We developed the Recycled Content™ certification for recycled metals, and conduct Responsible Minerals Initiative audits. We are also an approved auditor to the Responsible Jewellery Council and Signet Responsible Source Protocol (SRSP).



## STEPS TO CERTIFICATION

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### Initiate the Fairmined™ Process

Initiate your membership process with the Alliance for Responsible Mining (ARM). ARM will then request your Fairmined™ audit. After you contact an SCS Technical Sales Executive to schedule your Fairmined audit, ARM will provide SCS with the scoping and requirements documentation.

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### Audit

Authorized Suppliers and Licensees are required to undergo either a documentation or on-site assessment, determined by Fairmined.

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### Report Findings and Recommendations

Our auditors complete the audit and create a report that includes non-conformities, opportunities for improvement, and observations (if applicable). If non-conformities are identified, the auditor requests a CAP from you. Afterwards, SCS conducts an internal technical review of the audit report, and delivers the report to Fairmined.

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### Correct Non-Conformities

All major non-conformities must be addressed by authorized suppliers and licensees before certification. In the event of a major non-conformance, Fairmined and SCS jointly decide whether or not further assessment via an on-site audit is required.

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### Authorize

Fairmined makes the final authorization decision. If approved, Fairmined issues the authorization certificate and final report to your facility or operation.

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### Renew Authorization

Fairmined will contact you for your next certification.

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