

# Ohio Precious Metals, LLC<sup>®</sup>

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[Ohio Precious Metals, LLC](#) (OPM) is pleased to announce that an independent audit declared its gold refining stream conflict gold free in compliance with the [Electronics Industry Citizenship Coalition](#) (EICC) and Global e-Sustainability Initiative (GeSI) [Conflict-Free Smelter](#) Program (CFS). The EICC is the only electronics industry group currently conducting audits relating to conflict materials. CFS audits

certify that companies maintain a documented conflict minerals policy, material traceability controls, and the ability to demonstrate metals purchased from suppliers did not originate in a conflict region. The CFS certification confirms that OPM will refine, ship, and deliver only gold products and gold bullion free of material from the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the surrounding areas.

Bill LeRoy, President of OPM, said of the certification, "We are proud to be the first compliant gold refinery in the United States. OPM has shown continuous commitment to the responsible sourcing of precious metals. This certification validates our constant effort to refine and produce high quality, socially responsible gold products."

OPM maintains its operations of more than 150 employees in Jackson, OH. The refinery is an ISO 9001:2008, Hub Zone Certified location in Appalachian Ohio. A wholly owned subsidiary of Global Metals Holdings, LLC, OPM is a leading refiner of gold, silver, platinum, and palladium providing service to numerous industries including, but not limited to, electronics, secondary refiners, pawn, and banking.

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