

Valcambi licenced to process Fairtrade certified gold – February 2015

Valcambi has obtained the license to process Fairtrade certified gold.

This is part of Valcambi's long-term strategy to support and drive responsible gold mining and sourcing, with a special focus on artisanal and small-scale mining (ASM).

Fairtrade certified artisanal and small-scale mines meet Fairtrade Standards including strict requirements on working conditions, health and safety, handling chemicals, women's rights, child labour and protection of the environment.

Valcambi is engaged in supporting ASM to improve their mining practices, including those required by the Fairtrade standards. The intent is to create positive outcomes for the mining communities, and allow the refiner to confidently source from ASM.

For Fairtrade Gold, miners receive a guaranteed [Fair Minimum Price and a Premium](#) to spend on further improving their mining and businesses practices or on community projects, such as education, clean water and healthcare. The Fairtrade certification helps them access international trade on better terms.

The Fairtrade licence allows Valcambi to join the Fairtrade jewels production chain.