

**INFORMATION
ABOUT
FAIR GOLD
AND
FAIR SILVER**



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Information about Fair Gold

Today, we are strongly confronted with topics concerning the long – term effects the economy has on our eco system. Our ever-present media coverage contributes to forming our opinion and informing us about global environmental disasters and social injustice, promptly into our living-rooms. - our natural resources management.

One can observe a growing interest in social & economic problems concerning our environment. Questions arise about the origin of products and the working conditions. The ethics of fairness, sustainability and social justice have become more and more important for the consumer when buying or using a product.

The food production industry was the first to introduce fair trade labels & eco seals, therefore being the pioneers for other industries such as cosmetics, clothing & furniture.

And what about jewelry? How can fair trade be applied to the jewelry industry, consisting mainly of precious metals & stones?

Especially, the negative effect of gold mining has hit the headlines, with the use of Mercury or Cyanide that causes severe damage man and our eco-system. According to the Civil Rights Organisation FIAN, mining gold produces more poisonous residue & toxic waste than any other mining industry, worldwide. The extraction of gold endangers both man & the environment not to mention the unscrupulous action against the local residents forced to relocate and the social injustice of mercenary soldiers.

What requirements do the gold and jewelry industry need to fulfil a fair market concept?

The social and environmental requirements must be accounted for, when excavating and producing raw materials. Social rights must be guaranteed, (e.g. human rights, the ban of child-labour, the right to create unions etc.) promoting mining concepts that hold the level of contamination, to water, air and soil, to an absolute minimum.

For a while now, the **ECOANDINA Foundation**, works tightly together with the **Oekoandina e.V.** (a non-profit organisation) towards the realisation of environmentally safe gold mining, in the area of the Andes Mountains, in South America.

The main goals of the organisation are:

- supporting the foundation and promoting EcoAndina projects
- distribution of environmentally safe mining in the Andes & other regions and countries
- preservation of natural resources & support of careful regional development

If you would like to inquire more about our work, please look us up at: www.ecoandina.org and www.oekoandina.de

Since 2008 I use FAIR GOLD for my jewelry at the customer's request

All of this might sound quite theoretical and diffuse but I offer my customers the possibility to have their jewelry piece made with Fair Gold.

The Fair Gold I receive from the FAIR TRADE IN GEMS & JEWELRY CO. is equipped with a certificate that verifies the origin of the gold nuggets and gold sand which come from the Argentine Andes Mountains and were excavated without harmful chemicals, without child labour and without environmental harmful and poisonous mining.

These nuggets and gold sand are then processed in Pforzheim into fine gold kernels and e.g. wire & sheet metal.

There are two ways to order FAIR GOLD jewelry from me:

1. Rings made with guaranteed ecological FAIR GOLD

I can cast each ring separately, using guaranteed FAIR GOLD, at my dental technician's workshop in Konstanz (max. 2 Rings). Technically optimized, this is the most reasonable way since only a minimum 5 grams of fine metal are additionally needed for casting.

This means that the customer is required to buy these 5 grams of FAIR GOLD – this sum is divided in half when 2 rings are ordered.

I can melt down each fine metal into Sterling silver, 18k or 14k in yellow, red, rosé in my workshop myself - each step taken is then photographed for documentation.

The customer receives the rest of the FAIR GOLD that is left over from the casting process to resell if desired.

2. Rings that indirectly support FAIR GOLD

This means that the customer indirectly supports and increases the demand of FAIR GOLD. This choice implies that the content of the gold in your ring is not directly made of Fair Gold - which means that I send the casting company the exact amount in fine FAIR GOLD needed for the rings. Indirectly, adding this gold supports the market demand of FAIR GOLD.

With both procedures the customer receives a certificate documenting the use of FAIR GOLD

The gold I use for my jewelry is guaranteed ecological FAIR GOLD from Argentina.

The mine is in: Puna, Province Jujuy, Argentina

Info: www.ecoandina.org & www.oekoandina.de

**At the following addresses can be found further initiatives and
Organizations for Fair Gold:**

www.faire-edelsteine.de

inter alia under - Green Gold - Ecological gold from the Eder, Germany.
Thomas Siepelmeyer, Muenster.
(Fair Trade in Gems and Jewelry.)

www.fairtrademinerals.de

under projects: "Green Gold"
Info about:

www.greengold-oroverde.org

Locations: Choco Region, Colombia

www.aurumrhenanum.com

(Rheingold, Germany, Jutta Werling-Durejka)

Human rights and environment:

(also with topics on fair gold mining & mineral resources)

<http://www.fian.de/online/>

<http://www.nodirtygold.org>

<http://www.ethical-gold.de>

<http://www.oxfam.de/>

<http://www.fataltransactions.org>

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Zertifikat:

Für 100 gr. Feingold in Granalien. Das Rohgold wurde in NW-Argentinien, aus dem Sediment des Flusses Chuspimayo, Misa Rumi, Kreis Santa Catalina, Provinz Jujuy gefördert.

Der Kooperationspartner *Fundación EcoAndina* (www.ecoandina.org) bestätigt, dass das Edelmetall direkt bei Kleinproduzenten (Kooperativen bzw. Einzelpersonen) in der angegebenen Region erworben wurde und bei seiner Förderung wie auch bei der Weiterverarbeitung weder Kinderarbeit involviert war noch Bergbautechniken zur Anwendung kamen, die nachhaltige umweltrelevante Schäden mit sich bringen, wie z.B. der Einsatz von großem Gerät oder die Verwendung von Quecksilber und Zyaniden.

Der Verkaufspreis beinhaltet Fairtradeanteil, Transport, Kosten für Scheideanstalt, sonstige Unkosten.

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Information about fair or processed silver

Since November 3. 2010 I have FAIR silver from heap treatment in Bolivia, which I used for the preparation of my work.

Unfortunately, this silver is no longer available and currently since early 2016 is no other source of supply of environmentally-fair silver in sight.

If this option for fair and ecological silver is available again, I will inform you.

Until then I create my Ag-rings with silver, which I receive from the refinery Bernhard Burger in Kelttern, Germany.

The Company Burger works with recovered precious metals.

After a personal telephone call with the firm Burger I know, that precious metals from mining are definitely ruled out and will not be processed.

www.burger-edelmetalle.de/de/unternehmen/aktuelles/faire-edelmetalle-ohne-aufpreis-id_59/

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