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# CatGold NEWS

The first issue of this newsletter is now available. It is designed to promote information exchange on developments and progress in gold catalysis and its applications. Included in this publication are items on Project AuTEK, the New World Gold Council Website, a letter describing the reactions of an organic chemist to the Catalytic Gold Conference in Cape Town, and a description of gold catalyst research in The Netherlands. The need for standard gold catalysts is discussed and the programme for the Gold and Silver Symposium at EuropaCatV in Limerick, Ireland given. Papers on gold catalysis recently published in *Gold Bulletin* are listed, together with recent patents. Finally, opportunities

for funding R and D projects on topics such as gold catalysis are indicated.

CatGold News can be accessed on our website, [www.gold.org](http://www.gold.org), under the Science and Industry domain.

Relevant contributions are invited from anyone interested in the field of gold catalysis. If you would like to be on the mailing list for this and later issues, please contact Dr Richard Holliday, Industrial Applications Manager, World Gold Council, 45 Pall Mall, London, SW1Y 5JG, UK, E-mail: [richard.holliday@wgclon.gold.org](mailto:richard.holliday@wgclon.gold.org)

## Industrial Applications for Gold: Funding of R & D Projects

World Gold Council, supported by the gold mining industry, has recognised the importance of actively promoting industrial applications for gold. A strategy is now in place to support this goal. One key element is the encouragement of commercial exploitation of applied gold based research by dissemination of the latest research in its leading scientific journal, *Gold Bulletin*.

Another key element is the encouragement of new research studies into the basic science of gold and in applying this to new potential applications. Limited funds are now available to support short term R & D projects on basic science and technology and its applications, especially those feasibility studies focused on new or expanded uses of gold in industrial applications. Proposals for funding support under the GROW programme (**G**old **R**esearch **O**pportunities **W**orld-wide) may include any application for gold outside the jewellery market *eg* electronic, dental, biomedical, pharmaceutical, catalytic etc or any other application that has the potential to increase industrial consumption of gold or its alloys/products. Researchers in academia or industry with such proposals for funding support are invited to submit applications at the address below. Proposals will be assessed for their technical merit by a panel of experts.

For further details / project proposal form, access the WGC's website [www.gold.org](http://www.gold.org) or contact Dr Richard Holliday, Industrial Applications Manager, World Gold Council, 45 Pall Mall, London, SW1Y 5JG, United Kingdom  
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