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RJC CERTIFIES COOKSON METAUX PRECIEUX – COOKSON-CLAL

LONDON - RJC announced today that Cookson Metaux Precieux – Cookson-CLAL has achieved Certification against the 2013 Code of Practices (COP) at all its facilities in France. The 2013 COP was released in November 2013.

"It is a pleasure to announce Cookson Metaux Precieux – Cookson-CLAL has been certified against the 2013 COP. The new provisions under the 2013 COP address important issues for our Members and their supply chain. We are thrilled to see Members achieving Certification against the standard and warmly congratulate Cookson Metaux Precieux – Cookson-CLAL," says Andrew Bone, RJC's Executive Director.

The successful verification assessment was led by Anne-Lise Legrand from SGS United Kingdom Limited, one of the independent third-party auditing firms accredited by the RJC.

"We are proud to have gained RJC Certification and I want to thank all our staff and partners for being involved in helping us achieve this status. It demonstrates the strong commitment in ethical practises, quality and continuous improvements Cookson-Clal has been developing for many years. It also underlines all our efforts in ensuring traceability and quality of metal flow throughout our business. We see the RJC Certification as a huge positive, not only for us but also for our customers." said Bruno Costet, Cooksonclal Managing Director.

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About RJC

The Responsible Jewellery Council is an international not-for-profit standards and certification organisation. It has more than 600 Member companies that span the jewellery supply chain from mine to retail. RJC Members commit to and are independently audited against the RJC Code of Practices – an international standard on responsible business practices for diamonds, gold and platinum group metals. The Code of Practices addresses human rights, labour rights, environmental impact, mining practices, product disclosure and many more important topics in the jewellery supply chain. RJC also works with multi-stakeholder initiatives on responsible sourcing and supply chain due diligence. The RJC's Chain-of-Custody Certification for precious metals supports these initiatives and can be used as a tool to deliver broader Member and stakeholder benefit.

The RJC is a <u>Full Member of the ISEAL Alliance</u> – the global association for sustainability standards. For more information on RJC Members, Certification, and Standards please visit <u>www.responsiblejewellery.com</u>

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About Cookson Metaux Precieux – Cookson-CLAL

Cookson-Clal is the France's largest one-stop shop for the jewellery maker with over 14 000 products including a huge stock of silver, gold, palladium and platinum bullion cut to customers' requirements (sheet, wire, tube, solder, grain), as well as huge ranges of findings, loose and finished chain, ring blanks, silver clay, jewellery making tools, consumables and machinery.

With over 200 years' experience in the precious metal scrap treatment business, Cookson-Clal can offer collection of scrap, treatment, refining, control, melting, storage, purchase and sales of precious metal for the jewellery, dental and industrial markets.

Cookson-Clal offers an unparalleled service with its 24 hours transactional website, its branches and counters across France (Paris - Lyon – Marseille) and export service center despatching thousands of parcels every week to designer jewellers, retailers, manufacturers, independent craftsmen, goldsmiths and silversmiths, jewellery students, artisans and crafters.

Cookson-Clal is part of the Heimerle & Meule Group, one of Europe's largest refiners and processors of precious metals. The Heimerle + Meule Group employs over 750 people at locations in seven countries and provides high quality materials and semi-finished products for jewellery, wedding rings, dentistry, and the electrical and electronics industries.

Our website is: http://www.cookson-clal.com

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