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RJC RE-CERTIFIES JEWELLERY MANUFACTURER, JOHN HARDY

LONDON - RJC announced today that John Hardy, headquartered in Hong Kong with jewellery retail and manufacturing facilities worldwide, has achieved Re-Certification by meeting the highest ethical, social and environmental standards established by the RJC.

"RJC warmly congratulates John Hardy on its Certification," says Catherine Sproule, RJC's Chief Operations Officer. "We are thrilled to see Members achieving Re-Certifications against the standard."

The successful verification assessment was conducted by Keith Wai from SGS United Kingdom Ltd, one of the independent third-party auditing firms accredited by the RJC.

"The RJC Certification marks an important achievement for John Hardy and represents our confidence that we uphold the highest ethical, social and environmental standards. We operate in harmony with our surroundings and community, and we strive to protect the spirit of Bali and the world's resources in our work," said Robert Hanson, CEO of John Hardy.

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About RJC

The Responsible Jewellery Council is an international not-for-profit standards and certification organisation. It has more than 500 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>

About John Hardy

John Hardy is the most distinctive and desirable artisan-crafted luxury jewelry brand in the world. John Hardy designs are inspired by community, nature, legends and myths, and draw on the beauty of human emotion.

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Thoughtfully hand-crafted based on a tradition of artistry that dates back to the ancient Balinese courts, each piece represents a magical element meant to empower the wearer with. Every piece is powerful, dramatic and inspiring in its own, unique way. For more information, visit www.johnhardy.com

RJC Certification Information – John Hardy

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