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RESPONSIBLE JEWELLERY COUNCIL CERTIFIES LAWRENCE BLUNT LTD

LONDON - The Responsible Jewellery Council (RJC) announced today that Lawrence Blunt Ltd, the London - based jewellery manufacturer, has achieved certification by meeting the highest ethical, social and environmental standards established by the RJC's Member Certification system.

"RJC warmly congratulates Lawrence Blunt Ltd on its certification. The successful verification assessment was conducted by Roshini Wickramasinghe from SGS, one of the independent third-party auditing firms accredited to the RJC's Member Certification system," says Michael Rae, RJC's Chief Executive Officer.

"Lawrence Blunt is committed to the principles set out by the RJC, and have been actively encouraging all parties connected to the business to adhere to all the requirements set out by the RJC. We are delighted to have received the 3 year certification from the RJC and will continue to uphold all its principles," says Laurence Summers, Company Administrator of Lawrence Blunt Ltd.

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About RJC

The Responsible Jewellery Council is an international not-for-profit organisation bringing together more than 440 member companies. RJC and its Members are committed to promoting responsible ethical, human rights, social and environmental practices in a transparent and accountable manner throughout the jewellery industry from mine to retail. This commitment aims to reinforce consumer and stakeholder confidence in diamond, gold and platinum metals jewellery products. The RJC has developed the RJC Member Certification system which applies to all Members' businesses that contribute to the diamond, gold and platinum metals jewellery supply chain. All Certified Members of the RJC are audited by accredited, third party auditors to verify their conformance with the RJC's Code of Practices. A voluntary Chain-of-Custody Standard has also been developed for gold and platinum group metals.

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 Lawrence Blunt Ltd

Lawrence Blunt Ltd commenced trading over twenty years ago. It is a U.K. based company specialising in the supply of Rings Earrings. Pendants, Bracelets, Necklet and Bangles in Diamond and precious coloured Stones. The customer base consists of Multiple Retail Jewellers and Independent Jewellers in the U.K. Ireland and the Channel Islands. Design & Innovation is a very strong feature of the company. There is an in house team who are continually making new products for their customers which ultimately find their way to the public through retail shops.

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RJC Certification Information Lawrence Blunt Ltd RJC Certified Members