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RJC RE-CERTIFIES UK JEWELLER, MAKER MENDS LTD

LONDON - RJC announced today that Maker Mends Ltd, Essex-based jeweller, has achieved Re-Certification at its UK and Thailand facilities by meeting the highest ethical, social and environmental standards established by the RJC.

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

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

"We are delighted to announce we have achieved RJC Certification once again. Attaining Re-Certification underlines our commitment to staff welfare and highlights our obligation to our customers to run a business that is committed to social and ethical policies," said David Lewis the Managing Director of Maker Mends Ltd.

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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 Maker Mends Ltd

Maker Mends Ltd in the UK is the leading service provider for retail jewellers for all aspects of the trade from general jewellery and watch repairs as well as engraving. The workshop in Thailand produces beautiful handmade items for clients from all over the world.

RJC Certification Information – Maker Mends Ltd

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