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RJC RE-CERTIFIES METALOR TECHNOLOGIES SA

LONDON - RJC announced today that Metalor Technologies SA has achieved Certification against the 2013 Code of Practices (COP) at its refining and trading facilities in Switzerland, Singapore, Hong Kong, USA, China and the UK.

"It is a pleasure to announce Metalor Technologies SA 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 delighted to see members achieving certification against the standard and warmly congratulate Metalor Technologies SA," says Andrew Bone, RJC's Executive Director.

The successful verification assessment was led by UL Responsible Sourcing, one of the independent third-party auditing firms accredited by the RJC.

"Metalor was the first refiner to obtain the RJC COP certification in 2011. Since then, all Metalor refineries across the globe have been complying with the very strict standards of ethical, social and environmental practices of the RJC. We are very pleased to have achieved RJC re-certification for the third consecutive time, "says Jose Camino, Group General Counsel of Metalor.

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About RJC

The Responsible Jewellery Council is an international not-for-profit standards and certification organisation. It has more than 900 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 Metalor Technologies SA

Since its creation in 1852, Metalor has always been recognized by its worldwide business partners as an ethical and responsible precious metals company, and has become the world's largest multiple site refiner of gold. This would not have

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been possible without irreproachable business practices and a sustainable strong corporate ethic. Metalor's corporate culture has been founded upon honesty and integrity at all levels of the company, and we are determined to continue to be relentless in our effort to implement these values internally and externally.

The Metalor Group is the leading precious metals company worldwide. The Group's core competencies are the refining, management and transformation of precious metals, the supply of innovative surface treatment processes, powders and chemical products, and the manufacturing of silver alloys electrical contacts designed for electrical distribution, digital and analogue control, transports and electrical appliances. Metalor's primary objective is to create exceptional value for its customers, partners and shareholders, within a culture of performance, innovation, trust and respect. With subsidiaries, all over the world, and more than 1,700 employees, the Metalor Group is present in Europe, the United States, South America and Asia. www.metalor.com

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