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RAYMOND BLOCH SA – RE-CERTIFIED BY THE RESPONSIBLE JEWELLERY COUNCIL

LONDON - The Responsible Jewellery Council (RJC) announced today that Raymond Bloch SA, the Parisbased diamond trader, has achieved re-certification by meeting the highest ethical, social and environmental standards established by the RJC's Member Certification System.

"RJC congratulates Raymond Bloch SA on achieving re-certification. After a Member has become RJC Certified for the first time, independent verification is required at the end of each certification period to ensure continued conformance and to maintain Certified Member status. The successful verification assessment was conducted by UL, one of the independent third-party auditing firms accredited to the RJC's Member Certification system," says Catherine Sproule, RJC's Chief Executive Officer - Interim.

"Being the third company to be certified against RJC principles, we are proud to be re-certified after 3 years. It has always been obvious to us that RJC certification would demonstrate our values and would quickly become a global standard throughout the entire supply chain. We will continue to follow the procedures in order to improve our practices," say Stephanie and Laurent Bloch, Chief Executive Officers, RAYMOND BLOCH SA.

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About RJC

The Responsible Jewellery Council is an international not-for-profit standards and certification organisation. It has more than 460 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 Raymond Bloch SA

A family owned business for one hundred years, RAYMOND BLOCH SA, is an important stakeholder in the world diamond wholesale marketplace. Well-known and respected for its high level skills and reputation for excellent service to its clients, this company has trusted, long term relationships with the world leading jewellery and watch brands as well as manufacturers.

RJC Certification Information Raymond Bloch SA

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