

NEWS RELEASE

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RJC CERTIFIES SCHOFER GERMANY GMBH & CO. KG

LONDON - RJC announced today that Schofer Germany GmbH & Co. KG has achieved Certification against the 2013 Code of Practices (COP) at its manufacturing facility in Pforzheim, German.

"It is a pleasure to announce Schofer Germany GmbH & Co. KG has been certified against the 2013 COP. The 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 Schofer Germany GmbH & Co. KG," says Andrew Bone, RJC's Executive Director.

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

"By becoming a certified RJC Member we commit to our stakeholders to manage the company responsibly and to adhere to the highest moral and ethical values. This also includes a socially orientated and environmentally friendly approach as well as upholding all these values along the entire supply chain", says Mathias Kohlhammer Managing Director and Shareholder of Schofer Germany GmbH & Co. KG.

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About RJC

The Responsible Jewellery Council is an international not-for-profit standards and certification organisation. It has more than 800 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 Schofer Germany GmbH & Co. KG

Schofer Germany founded in 1904 is one of the leading Jewellery Chain Manufacturers in Europe. The central focus is always retained on innovation, quality and customer service. Besides over 1.000 different chain designs and matching components, also individual customer requests (OEM) can be realized by more than 90 highly skilled specialists and state-

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RJC Certification Information – Schofer Germany GmbH & Co. KG

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