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RESPONSIBLE JEWELLERY COUNCIL CERTIFIES IBB LONDON

LONDON - The Responsible Jewellery Council (RJC) announced today that International Bullion & Metal Brokers (London) Limited ("IBB"), the London - based jewellery distributor, has achieved certification by meeting the highest ethical, social and environmental standards established by the RJC's Member Certification system.

"RJC warmly congratulates IBB London on its certification. The successful verification assessment was lead by Peter Warbrick from SGS, one of the independent third-party auditing firms accredited by the RJC," says Catherine Sproule, RJC's Chief Executive Officer - Interim.

"As a family owned and managed business, now spanning three generations, IBB has always taken its responsibilities to the jewellery trade very seriously. We applaud the work of the RJC in promoting best practices through all aspects of the industry. The directors and staff of IBB are extremely proud that our company has achieved RJC certification and view this as a reflection of our commitment to strong ethical values that will continue through future generations to come," says Frank Kovacs, Managing Director of IBB London.

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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 IBB London

IBB, based in London, was founded by the Kovacs family over 40 years ago and is one of the UK's leading distributors of gold, silver and diamond jewellery. The company has developed an unparalleled reputation for the supply of high quality products and personal service to all sectors of the UK retail jewellery industry.

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IBB's extensive collections of precious metal jewellery are now available to customers online at its new business-to-business website www.ibblondon.com

RJC Certification Information IBB London

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