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# **RESPONSIBLE JEWELLERY COUNCIL CERTIFIES UK BERKER BROS LTD**

LONDON - The Responsible Jewellery Council (RJC) announced today that Berker Bros Ltd, a family run UK jewellery manufacturer, has achieved certification by meeting the highest ethical, social and environmental standards established by the RJC's Member Certification system.

"RJC warmly congratulates Berker Bros Ltd on its certification. The successful verification assessment was conducted by UL – Responsible Sourcing, one of the independent third-party auditing firms accredited to the RJC's Member Certification system. The RJC philosophy has always been to reach out to small companies. We are pleased to see this kind of small business commitment growing rapidly in the RJC certified community," says Michael Rae, RJC's Chief Executive Officer.

"Since the business was established in 1945, it has been our goal to maintain the highest standards of quality and service, from source to supply, whilst ensuring that social, ethical and environmental values are not compromised. With the attainment of RJC certification, we know that we have managed to achieve official recognition of this and all that is encapsulated within it," says Chiel Getter, Managing Director, Berker Bros Ltd.

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### About RJC

The Responsible Jewellery Council is an international not-for-profit organisation bringing together more than 370 member companies. RJC and its Members are committed to promoting responsible ethical, human rights, social and environmental practices in a transparent and accountable manner throughout the jewellery industry from mine to retail. This commitment aims to reinforce consumer and stakeholder confidence in diamond, gold and platinum metals jewellery products. The RJC has developed the RJC Member Certification system which applies to all Members' businesses that contribute to the diamond, gold and platinum metals jewellery supply chain. All Certified Members of the RJC are audited by accredited, third party auditors to verify their conformance with the RJC's Code of Practices. A voluntary Chain-of-Custody Standard has also been developed for gold and platinum group metals. 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 Berker Bros Ltd

Berker Bros Ltd is a family run business, established in 1945, that remains one of the United Kingdom's leading wedding ring manufacturers. Berker Bros Ltd supplies a comprehensive range of wedding rings (to wholesale and retail clients throughout the UK) that are beautifully crafted, feature exclusive designs and have the quality assurance that accompanies

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Berker Bros Ltd run an extensive range of Gold, Platinum and Palladium rings in both modern and classical styles, as well as a vast range in most other metals. For more information: <u>www.berkerbros.co.uk</u>

**RJC Certification Information – Berker Bros Ltd** 

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