



## NEWS RELEASE

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### RESPONSIBLE JEWELLERY COUNCIL CERTIFIES MONTBLANC

LONDON - The Responsible Jewellery Council (RJC) announced today that Montblanc, the German luxury maison and part of Richemont International SA, has achieved certification by meeting the highest ethical, social and environmental standards established by the RJC's Member Certification System.

"RJC warmly congratulates Montblanc on its certification. The successful verification assessment was conducted by Michel Mooser from SGS, one of the independent third-party auditing firms accredited to the RJC's Member Certification System," says Michael Rae, RJC's Chief Executive Officer.

"Montblanc is honoured to obtain the RJC certification, an acknowledgment of Montblanc's ethical policy of respecting the environment, our customer, our employees, our business partners and the communities. This certification encourages Montblanc to push forward its ethical commitment through diverse activities, which are ensured by the success of the company, its values, its heritage, its integrity and its transparency. This membership underpins Montblanc's strong belief in the importance of respecting these ethical issues for our future activities and communication," says Lutz Bethge, CEO Montblanc International.

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#### About RJC

The Responsible Jewellery Council is an international not-for-profit organisation bringing together more than 350 member companies 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. Their commitment aims to reinforce consumer and stakeholder confidence in diamond, gold and platinum group metals jewellery products. The Council has developed the RJC Member Certification System, a certification system, which will apply to all Members' businesses that contribute to the diamond, gold and platinum group metals jewellery supply chain. All Commercial Members of the RJC are required to be audited by accredited, third-party auditors to verify their conformance with the RJC's Code of Practices and become certified under the RJC Member Certification System. A full list of its Members can be found on the web at [www.responsiblejewellery.com](http://www.responsiblejewellery.com)

#### About Montblanc

For over 100 years, Montblanc has embraced the traditions of lasting value and exquisite craftsmanship. The company's uncompromising principles of design, style, quality and workmanship have allowed them to create heirloom collections that are passed from generation to generation. The iconic Montblanc emblem is a symbol of excellence – the pinnacle of luxury writing instruments, timepieces, jewellery, leather, fragrances and sunglasses – and the brand has made an enduring commitment to encourage excellence through cultural advancement. Montblanc has its roots in writing culture and therefore sees a particular obligation to its own cultural commitment. Through various international activities, the company makes a creative contribution to modern cultural life: Montblanc itself writes a small piece of cultural history. More information on [www.montblanc.com](http://www.montblanc.com)

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**RJC Certification Information – Montblanc**

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