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## JAEGER-LECOULTRE- RE-CERTIFIED AGAINST NEW RJC CODE OF PRACTICES

LONDON - RJC announced today that Jaeger-LeCoultre, the Swiss watch manufacturer, has achieved Re-Certification against the 2013 Code of Practices (COP), demonstrating their company's commitment and contribution to a responsible global jewellery supply chain. They are the sixth Swiss RJC Member to be certified against the RJC's new standard.

"RJC congratulates Jaeger-LeCoultre 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 2013 COP includes new provisions that address important issues for RJC Members and their supply chains," says Ashish Deo, RJC's Chief Executive Officer.

The independent third party audit was conducted by Michel Mooser from SGS, one of the qualified auditing firms accredited by the RJC.

"Since 1833, Jaeger-LeCoultre has proved able to strike just the right balance between nature and culture, growth and respect for the environment, international expansion and local roots. Loyal to the historical origins that have anchored the Manufacture in an exceptional location in the Vallée de Joux, Jaeger-LeCoultre is dedicated to handing on to future generations an environment that has been effectively safeguarded. We take at heart our responsibility to ensure that human rights and ethics are respected wherever our company is involved. Therefore, we are pleased to receive the RJC Certification for a further period of three years" says Daniel Riedo, CEO, Jaeger-LeCoultre.

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#### About RJC

The Responsible Jewellery Council is an international not-for-profit standards and certification organisation. It has more than 500 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>

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#### About Jaeger-LeCoultre

Since its founding in 1833, the Manufacture has been an inventive protagonist in the field of Haute Horlogerie. The keyless watch, silent regulators for repeater watches, Calibre Jaeger-LeCoultre 101 weighing barely one gram, the iconic Reverso, as well as unprecedented concepts such as the Dual-Wing<sup>®</sup>, all contribute to the wealth of the Jaeger-LeCoultre heritage. The 1,249 mechanical calibres developed and the 413 registered patents illustrate the creative passion that continually drives the men and women of the Grande Maison.

Heirs to the inventive spirit of the Manufacture's founder, Antoine LeCoultre, our artisans pool their expertise so as to delight and enthral devotees of beautiful objects. The unique story of each of our watches begins in the Vallée de Joux workshops and comes to vibrant life on the wrist of the men and women who wear it and make it their own. For more information see www.jaeger-lecoultre.com

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