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RJC CERTIFIES VOEGELI & WIRZ AG/SA

LONDON - RJC announced today that Voegeli & Wirz AG/SA, the Swiss Diamond Manufacturer, has achieved Certification by meeting the highest ethical, social and environmental standards established by the RJC.

"RJC warmly congratulates Voegeli & Wirz AG/SA on its Certification," says Ashish Deo, RJC's Chief Executive Officer.

The successful verification assessment was conducted by Michel Mooser from SGS, one of the independent third-party auditing firms accredited by the RJC.

"Voegeli & Wirz is proud to have achieved the RJC certification. Voegeli & Wirz has been DTC BBP certified since 2008 and the RJC certification confirms the company's commitment to the highest ethical standard and responsible business practices throughout the supply chain. A major asset of the RJC is its constant evolvement. Only a dynamic and adaptive evaluation system will ensure the legitimacy of the certificate on the long run." says Patrik Schaefer, CEO, Voegeli & Wirz AG/SA

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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>

About Voegeli & Wirz AG/SA

Voegeli & Wirz is one of the most respected diamond manufacturers on the Swiss market. Founded in 1918 in Bienne Switzerland, it is managed in the 4th generation by the founder family. It specializes in manufacturing on demand shaped

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RJC Certification Information – Voegeli & Wirz AG/SA

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