

## **NEWS RELEASE**

**Embargoed until 26 February 2015** 

## RJC RE-CERTIFIES RICHLINE GROUP INC.

LONDON - RJC announced today that the Richline Group Inc., a subsidiary of Berkshire Hathaway Inc. and one of the USA's most prominent Jewelry manufacturers, distributors and marketers; has achieved Re-Certification by meeting the highest ethical, social and environmental standards established by the RJC.

"RJC warmly congratulates Richline Group Inc. on its Re-Certification," says Ashish Deo, RJC's Chief Executive Officer.

The successful verification assessment was conducted by Sheer Garcia from UL Responsible Sourcing, one of the independent third-party auditing firms accredited by the RJC.

"The Responsible Jewelry Council represents, at the highest level, the guidance and verification that our own Richline Responsible program strives to achieve. This Re-Certification is further verification of our efforts, both internally and externally, that doing the right thing can be monitored and audited." said David Boudreau, Richline's Chief Operating Officer.

For further information please contact:

Gerhard Humphreys-de Meyer, Communications Coordinator, Responsible Jewellery Council Telephone +44 (0)207 321 0992, <a href="mailto:gerhard.humphreysdemeyer@responsiblejewellery.com">gerhard.humphreysdemeyer@responsiblejewellery.com</a>

## **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>

www.responsiblejewellery.com

## **About Richline Group Inc.**

Richline Group, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Berkshire Hathaway Inc., is the USA's foremost fine jewelry manufacturer and marketer. The Richline Group was formed in 2007. Currently, the major brands comprising Richline's portfolio are LeachGarner, Inverness, Rio Grande and Richline Brands. The firm's site is <a href="https://www.RichlineGroup.com">www.RichlineGroup.com</a>.

Berkshire Hathaway and its subsidiaries engage in diverse business activities including property and casualty insurance, utilities and energy, finance, manufacturing, retailing and services. The Common Stock of the Company is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbols BRK.A and BRK.B.

**RJC Certification Information – Richline Group Inc.** 

**RJC Certified Members**