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METALOR TECHNOLOGIES SA AND METALOR TECHNOLOGIES (HONG KONG) LTD ACHIEVE RJC CHAIN-OF-CUSTODY RE-CERTIFICATION

LONDON - RJC today announced that Metalor Technologies SA and Metalor Technologies (Hong Kong) Ltd, two subsidiaries of international Swiss-based group, Metalor, achieved Certification against the RJC Chain-of-Custody (CoC) Standard.

"RJC is delighted to congratulate both Metalor Technologies SA and Metalor Technologies (Hong Kong) Ltd on achieving CoC Re-Certification. CoC Certification provides a mechanism for refiners to demonstrate how they are implementing the OECD Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Supply Chains," says Catherine Sproule, RJC's Chief Operations Officer.

The subsidiaries' CoC Certification results from a successful verification assessment conducted by Pascal Denoize (for Metalor Technologies SA) and Chau Diep (for Metalor Technologies (Hong Kong) Ltd) of UL Responsible Sourcing, an international auditing company accredited by the RJC.

"By successfully completing the RJC CoC certification of our Swiss and Hong-Kong Refining facility, Metalor Technologies SA and Metalor Technologies (Hong Kong) Ltd is further strengthening our corporate Responsible Refining initiative. We are proud to be the industry leader with respect to the ever increasing demands for socially responsible business practices," says Yuxing Shang, Executive President Business unit Refining.

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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 Metalor

Metalor is a leading responsible player in the precious metals trade. The Group's core competencies are chemistry, metallurgy and the management and transformation of precious metals. Metalor's primary objective is to create exceptional value for its customers, stakeholders and shareholders, within a culture of performance, innovation, trust, respect and ethics.

Since its creation in 1852, Metalor's corporate culture has been founded upon honesty and integrity at all levels of the company. Through its three business units (Refining, Advanced Coatings and Electrotechnics) Metalor serves customers on all continents in a variety of industry sectors, from Swiss watch manufacturers to Brazilian electrical equipment suppliers. With subsidiaries all over the world, and more than 1700 employees, the Metalor Group is present in Europe, the United-States, South-America and Asia.

For more information about Metalor, you can visit our website at: <u>www.metalor.com</u> You can also contact the Metalor legal & compliance Department at <u>compliance@metalor.com</u>

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