



## NEWS RELEASE

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### RESPONSIBLE JEWELLERY COUNCIL CERTIFIES LABORATOIRE FRANÇAIS DE GEMMOLOGIE

LONDON - The Responsible Jewellery Council (RJC) announced today that Laboratoire Français de Gemmologie, the Paris - based Gem testing Laboratory, has achieved certification by meeting the highest ethical, social and environmental standards established by the RJC's Member Certification system.

"RJC warmly congratulates Laboratoire Français de Gemmologie on its certification. The successful verification assessment was conducted by Marguerite Whitwham 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.

"As the oldest laboratory of the world and the only one in France analysing diamonds, pearls and coloured stones, the "Laboratoire Français de Gemmologie" - LFG (French Gemmological Laboratory) is proud to receive the RJC certification which embodies our duty of responsibility towards our consumers. The LFG is an important actor within the jewellery value chain since it states scientific guarantee and consumer safety. Its independence and its high level of expertise imply a very privileged place within the transparency chain implemented by the RJC. Therefore, its ethical engagement is essential to keep confidence in the gem and jewellery industry," says Olivier Segura, Director of the Laboratoire Français de Gemmologie.

"The RJC confirmed the previous engagement we took since the LFG became independent from the Chamber of Commerce of Paris a couple of years ago: analysis of gems, information of professionals and improvement of the scientific documentation. The RJC certification is both the recognition of our effort to improve our processes and a strategy which leads our company to success in accordance with ethical principles," says Bernadette Pinet-Cuoq, CEO of the Laboratoire Français de Gemmologie.

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#### About RJC

The Responsible Jewellery Council is an international not-for-profit organisation bringing together more than 440 member companies. RJC and its Members are 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. This commitment aims to reinforce consumer and stakeholder confidence in diamond, gold and platinum metals jewellery

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products. The RJC has developed the RJC Member Certification system which applies to all Members' businesses that contribute to the diamond, gold and platinum metals jewellery supply chain. All Certified Members of the RJC are audited by accredited, third party auditors to verify their conformance with the RJC's Code of Practices. A voluntary Chain-of-Custody Standard has also been developed for gold and platinum group metals.

The RJC is a [Full Member of the ISEAL Alliance](#) – the global association for sustainability standards. For more information on RJC Members, Certification, and Standards please visit [www.responsiblejewellery.com](http://www.responsiblejewellery.com)

#### **About Laboratoire Français de Gemmologie**

Since 1929, the “ Laboratoire Français de Gemmologie” - LFG (French Gemmological Laboratory ) provides, as the unique laboratory in France, grading reports for all gemstones, diamonds, coloured stones and pearls. With its highly secured facility and high-performance technology devices, it is a major reference in the world of jewellery, providing services to jewellers from the Place Vendome, experts and auctioneers , HBJO jewellers, private customers , dealers and international customers.

For more information please visit [www.laboratoire-francais-gemmologie.fr](http://www.laboratoire-francais-gemmologie.fr)

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