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LOMBARDI S.R.L. – RE-CERTIFIED BY THE RESPONSIBLE JEWELLERY COUNCIL

LONDON - The Responsible Jewellery Council (RJC) announced today that Lombardi s.r.l., the Valenza - based jewellery manufacturer, has achieved re-certification by meeting the highest ethical, social and environmental standards established by the RJC's Member Certification System.

"RJC congratulates Lombardi s.r.l. 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 successful verification assessment was conducted by Francesco Vinci 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.

"I feel that as creators and manufacturers of jewellery, we have a deep responsibility towards the people who work with us, towards our clients and all those who appreciate jewellery. We have the responsibility to fight to develop and keep alive one of the most wonderful and special crafts in the history of mankind, Italian jewellery. Leading business in an environmentally and socially responsible manner is a commitment for the future for our industry and the next generations. We are proud to have achieved the second RJC certification," says Augusto Ungarelli, CEO, Lombardi s.r.l. Valenza Italy.

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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 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 <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 Lombardi s.r.l.

In 1951, Lombardi s.r.l. was established in Valenza, Italy, as a manufacturer of gold and gemstone jewellery. Professionalism and extensive experience have enabled Lombardi s.r.l. to produce and distribute its own Vendorafa jewellery collections, as well as design and create exclusive product lines for large international brands. The workmanship of Lombardi s.r.l. is guided by more than 50 years of artisan tradition, creating jewellery that is characterised by elegant geometric shapes and a balance of volumes and forms. Technological innovation, experimentation and research add depth to the artisan techniques of hammering and engraving, with craftsmen producing pieces that express vitality and harmony. We are a jewellery factory of hands and hearts. Website address www.vendorafa.it

RJC Certification Information – Lombardi s.r.l.

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