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RJC RE-CERTIFIES LUXURY MAISON, MONTBLANC

LONDON - RJC announced today that Montblanc, Luxury Maison headquartered in Germany, has achieved Certification against the 2013 Code of Practices (COP) at its manufacturing and distribution facilities in Germany & Switzerland and Montblanc boutiques and retail stores worldwide. The 2013 COP was released in November 2013.

"It is a pleasure to announce Montblanc has been certified against the 2013 COP. The new provisions under the 2013 COP address important issues for our Members and their supply chain. We are thrilled to see Members achieving Re-Certifications against the standard and warmly congratulate Montblanc," says Catherine Sproule, RJC's Chief Operations Officer.

The successful verification assessment was led by Katja Wilde from SGS United Kingdom Limited, one of the independent third-party auditing firms accredited by the RJC.

"Montblanc has been a proud member of the RJC since 2012 and is honoured to have achieved Re–Certification. This important accomplishment confirms our company's commitment to ethical principles and a sustainable development, which is an essential aspect of Montblanc's corporate identity. We are looking forward to continue promoting a transparent, ethical, responsible and sustainable way of conducting business in the future "says Jérôme Lambert Montblanc CEO.

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About RJC

The Responsible Jewellery Council is an international not-for-profit standards and certification organisation. It has more than 600 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 Montblanc

For more than 100 years, Montblanc has stood for excellence in artisanal craftsmanship expressed in every one of its timeless creations. Because of an enduring commitment to the highest quality and to traditional values, each piece becomes a fine lifetime companion to its owner. Safeguarding this passion for craftsmanship requires the Maison to nurture the skills of its artisans, a philosophy that implies the continuation of a long tradition of employee development and community investment. Montblanc's approach to Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) goes beyond its investment in its employees and their communities, to extend to civil society as a whole through its commitment to the support of arts and culture.

For Montblanc Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) integrates all dimensions of a sustainable business with regard to social, economic and environmental responsibility and contribution. In order to consolidate current CSR activity, a group-wide CSR Strategy has been defined by the Richemont Group providing structure, setting goals as well as facilitating communication and sharing best practices for all Maisons.

For further information please refer to:

- <u>www.richemont.com/corporate-social-responsibility/csr-report.html</u>
- http://www.montblanc.com/en-gb/discover/about-montblanc/corporate-social-responsibility.html

RJC Certification Information – Montblanc

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