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RESPONSIBLE JEWELLERY COUNCIL CERTIFIES RASELLI FRANCO S.P.A.

LONDON - The Responsible Jewellery Council (RJC) announced today that Raselli Franco S.p.a., the Valenza - based jewellery manufacturer, has achieved certification by meeting the highest ethical, social and environmental standards established by the RJC's Member Certification system.

"RJC warmly congratulates Raselli Franco S.p.a. on its certification. The successful verification assessment was conducted by Bruna Gariglio from Bureau Veritas, one of the independent third-party auditing firms accredited to the RJC's Member Certification system," says Michael Rae, RJC's Chief Executive Officer.

"Since 1969 when I started working in jewellery many things have changed. I strongly feel that today, in our business, we must act in a responsible and socially aware way. The future of the jewellery world and the image we portray is solely our responsibility. I am proud to be part of the RJC and to have achieved certification. This certification confirms our strong beliefs and business practices which we have established to be a responsible business in a changing, modern world," says Raselli Franco, founder and CEO of RASELLI FRANCO S.p.a.

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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 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

About Raselli Franco S.p.a.

Founded in 1970 in Valenza, Italy, Raselli Franco S.p.a. is a modern fully integrated manufacturer of high quality jewellery. With a worldwide presence and with a single and strongly felt company culture, Raselli Franco s.p.a. strives every day to be able to continually improve its quality and the standard of its products. Today, more than 500 people at Raselli Franco are focussed on making this objective possible. Integrity, social awareness and responsibility accompany the company on this journey towards a modern way of handling the jewellery business.

More information at: www.gruppoerrepi.com

RJC Certification Information Raselli Franco S.p.a. **RJC Certified Members**