

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## **RJC ANNOUNCES ITS STANDARDS AND IMPACTS TEAM**

LONDON – The Responsible Jewellery Council (RJC), the global standards setting and certification organisation for the jewellery supply chain, is pleased to announce the appointment of Anne-Marie Fleury as Standards and Impacts Director. Anne-Marie joins recent addition Bethan Herbert, Certification and Impacts Manager, as well as established colleague Maria Mursell, Training and Assurance Manager rounding out this key workstream.

As part of the RJC Management team working alongside Executive Director Andrew Bone and Chief Operations Officer, Catherine Sproule, Anne-Marie will be responsible for providing strategic and technical leadership in standards development, certification, assurance, impact measurement and reporting. Working with Anne-Marie, Bethan in her capacity as Certification and Impact Manager will implement RJC's work in certification, impact measurement and reporting.

Anne-Marie joins the RJC with 15 years' experience working on environmental, social and corporate governance in the mining sector. Most recently as a freelance consultant and Associate with Futureye, she worked with the World Bank as well as with individual companies in the engineering and pharmaceutical sectors on 'social license to operate'. Previously, Anne-Marie spent nearly 10 years with the International Council on Mining and Metals (ICMM) working to define sustainability principles, reporting and assurance systems and implementation tools for the industry.

Bringing with her 9 years' experience in corporate social responsibility consulting, report assurance and auditing, Bethan joined the RJC from Bureau Veritas in August 2015. In her previous role, Bethan was responsible for the development, implementation and management of global audit programs for consumer goods companies.

"It is an absolute pleasure welcoming both Anne-Marie and Bethan to the RJC family. Anne-Marie brings valuable know-how to the RJC while Bethan's understanding of the audit process will be an asset to our Members and the Management Team." says Andrew Bone, RJC's Executive Director.

Both Anne-Marie and Bethan are based in the RJC's London office.

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## **About RJC**

The Responsible Jewellery Council is an international not-for-profit standards and certification organisation. It has more than 650 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>