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## RESPONSIBLE JEWELLERY COUNCIL CERTIFIES UMANE CREATIONS

LONDON - The Responsible Jewellery Council (RJC) announced today that Umane Créations, the Paris - 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 Umane Créations 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.

"We are very pleased to have become RJC certified. All of us here at Umane have been involved into the certification process and feel proud to have met the RJC ethical standards," say Valérie Brun and Maé Jund, Managers of Umane Créations.

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## **About RJC**

The Responsible Jewellery Council is an international not-for-profit standards and certification organisation. It has more than 450 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>

## **About Umane Créations**

In 2000, Valérie Brun and Maé Jund set up Umane Creations, a name which recalls the origins of the precious materials and the energy we rely upon. Umane Creations is a Certified Member of the Responsible Jewellery Council. Umane is also certified with the Label Joaillerie de France.

Valérie Brun is the third generation of a renowned family of Parisian jewellers. In over 20 years of experience in the jewellery making, she has inherited the traditional high end manufacturing techniques and acquired a taste for innovative

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Haute Joaillerie. Maé Jund has built her experience of marketing luxury during her years at Cartier and specialized later on in quality management as an expert consultant for large companies.

Joining forces and their complementary backgrounds, grounded on their long-term friendship, Valérie Brun and Maé Jund founded Umane Creations with the objective of manufacturing highly skilled and crafted jewellery for the most demanding professional. With their dedicated team and a reliable network of professionals, they are working today with the most renowned international jewellery brands. They are sharing with them their various skills and expertise, from handmade daring jewellery pieces, to one-of-a-kind lapidary work and high temperature top quality enamel. Stones sourcing and the use of up-to-date techniques when these are most relevant are not the least of the Umane know-how. Team work, organization and quality are Umane guidelines. For more information please visit: <a href="https://www.umane-paris.com">www.umane-paris.com</a>

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