



## STATEMENT FROM THE RESPONSIBLE JEWELLERY COUNCIL REGARDING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TRANSITION

**London, UK – 25 September 2018:** The Responsible Jewellery Council (RJC) announced that Andrew Bone will be stepping down as its Executive Director, effective 27 March 2019.

Andrew has been Executive Director since the spring of 2015. Under his leadership, RJC membership doubled and the organization laid the foundations for sustainable growth in the future.

“It has been a pleasure and a rare privilege to have served this unique organisation as Executive Director,” said Andrew. “We have undertaken the review of our standards and laid the ground for the inclusion of coloured gems and silver. In addition, we have grown the management team and provided them with the resources to build on past success as we look ahead to a successful future.”

“We are grateful for Andrew’s leadership at the Responsible Jewellery Council in supporting the continuous improvement in the integrity of the global jewellery supply chain,” explained David Bouffard, Chair of the Responsible Jewellery Council. “His vision has further established the Responsible Jewellery Council as the standards and certification organization for the global jewellery industry. The Board offers our sincere thanks to Andrew for his commitment and service.”

The Responsible Jewellery Council Board of Directors has begun a global search to identify the best possible successor and to ensure a smooth transition.

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