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RJC CERTIFIES 8853 SPA

LONDON - RJC announced today that 8853 S.p.A., the Italian gold trader, has achieved Certification by meeting the highest ethical, social and environmental standards established by the RJC.

"RJC warmly congratulates 8853 S.p.A. on its Certification. The successful verification assessment was conducted by Simone Olmo from Bureau Veritas Italia, one of the independent third-party auditing firms accredited by the RJC," says Catherine Sproule, RJC's Chief Operations Officer.

"8853 S.p.A. is proud to have achieved the RJC Certification. This accomplishment confirms the ethical and entrepreneurial vision of our founder - my father - Mario Villa and the commitment to responsible and ethical business practices of all the supply chain partners of 8853 SpA. We want 8853 SpA to become not only successful but also a valuable company where "value" is the result of innovation, quality of product and services in addition to behaviour patterns," says Giorgio Villa, CEO, 8853 S.p.A.

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About RJC

The Responsible Jewellery Council is an international not-for-profit standards and certification organisation. It has more than 500 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 8853 S.p.A.

Established over 60 years ago in the heart of Milan/Italy as Mario Villa Banco Metalli, 8853 S.p.A. developed through the years into an industrial reality. Its activity goes from the recovery and trade of precious metals, to the manufacturing of products for jewellery, industry and medical applications even customized on request and project of research and development departments.

8853 S.p.A. offers a wide range of rods, wires, plates, tubes, discs, washers and many others traditional or special products.

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The planning, design, production and distribution of the 8853 S.p.A. alloys are carried out under full quality control regime and in compliance with UNI EN ISO 9001:2008 e EN ISO 13485:2003/AC: 2009.

The production process is strictly controlled from raw material quality and source to finished products final approval so as to guarantee a product in full compliance with the strict quality standards demanded by the market.

RJC Certification Information – 8853 SPA

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