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RESPONSIBLE JEWELLERY COUNCIL CERTIFIES RICHLINE GROUP INC

LONDON - The Responsible Jewellery Council (RJC) announced today that Richline Group Inc, the US - based jewellery manufacturer has achieved certification by meeting the ethical, social and environmental standards established by the RJC's Member Certification system.

"RJC warmly congratulates Richline Group Inc on its certification. The successful verification assessment was conducted by UL Responsible Sourcing, one of the independent third-party auditing firms accredited to the RJC's Member Certification system," says Michael Rae, RJC's Chief Executive Officer.

"Richline Group Inc. strives to conduct its business in accordance with high ethical business standards and seeks to have its associates, vendors, suppliers and all stakeholders conduct themselves in the same manner. We believe that we can be responsible to the world while maintaining the innovation, technology and creativity that are at the forefront of the success of all our business units," says Dave Meleski, President of Richline Group Inc.

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About RJC

The Responsible Jewellery Council is an international not-for-profit organisation bringing together more than 420 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 Richline Group Inc

Richline Group Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Berkshire Hathaway Inc., is the USA's foremost Fine Jewelry Manufacturer and Marketer. The Richline Group Inc has achieved RJC Certification. The Richline Group was formed in 2007. Currently, the major brands comprising Richline's portfolio are Leach Garner, Inverness, Richline International, Rio Grande and Richline Brands. Berkshire Hathaway and its subsidiaries engage in diverse business activities including property and casualty insurance, utilities and energy, finance, manufacturing, retailing and

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services. The Common Stock of the Company is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbols BRK.A and BRK.B.

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