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F.HINDS LIMITED CERTIFIED BY THE RESPONSIBLE JEWELLERY COUNCIL

LONDON – The Responsible Jewellery Council (RJC) today announced that F.Hinds Limited has achieved certification meeting the ethical, human rights, social and environmental standards as established by the RJC's Member Certification Standard. F.Hinds' certification encompasses all of its UK operations, which total over 100 retail locations.

The successful verification assessment of F.Hinds was conducted by Specialized Technologies Resources – Responsible Sourcing (STR-RS), one of the independent third-party auditing firms accredited to the RJC's Member Certification System.

"The certification of F.Hinds across its UK retail stores will send a strong message to consumers as well as to the jewellery industry regarding the company's commitment to sustainable development. RJC is delighted that the F.Hinds' team has achieved Certification." says Michael Rae, RJC's Chief Executive Officer.

"As a fifth generation family company, the way we do business is important to us," says Andrew Hinds, F.Hinds' Director and Diamond Buyer. "We were delighted when the Responsible Jewellery Council was formed as we felt that it would enable the jewellery industry to make a real difference in the world."

"We are proud that our industry is leading the way in many areas of responsible sourcing and is pioneering initiatives not yet found in other sectors. We are equally proud that our certification shows that we continue to play a leading role in this process", says Hinds.

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About RJC

The Responsible Jewellery Council is an international not-for-profit organisation bringing together more than 310 member companies 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. Their commitment aims to reinforce consumer and stakeholder confidence in diamond, gold and platinum group metals jewellery products.

The Council has developed the RJC System, a certification system, which will apply to all Members' businesses that contribute to the diamond, gold and platinum group metals jewellery supply chain. All Commercial Members of the RJC are required to be audited by accredited, third-party auditors to verify their conformance with the RJC's Code of Practices and become certified under the RJC System. A full list of its Members can be found on the web at www.responsiblejewellery.com

About F.Hinds Limited

Established in 1856 in London, but with a history as clockmakers stretching back at least to the start of the 19th century, F.Hinds is one of the UK's leading independent jewellers. Owned and managed by the Hinds family, it has over 100 shops across England & Wales. As a family business F.Hinds feel very strongly that it is vital to do business the right way and this dictates its relationships with customers, suppliers, staff and everyone else with whom they come into contact.

F. Hinds Limited is known for its extensive selection of diamonds, gold and silver jewellery, watches, clocks and giftware. It has an enviable reputation not just for professional customer service but for always being friendly and approachable. www.fhinds.co.uk

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