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METALOR ACHIEVES RJC RE-CERTIFICATION FOR REFINING GROUP AND COC CERTIFICATION FOR SINGAPORE SUBSIDIARY

LONDON - The Responsible Jewellery Council (RJC) announced today that Metalor, the Swiss gold refiner, has achieved Re-Certification by meeting the highest ethical, social and environmental standards established by the RJC's Code of Practices (COP) Certification System.

Additionally, its subsidiary, Metalor Technologies (Singapore) has been certified against the RJC Chain of Custody (CoC) certification Standard. The CoC Standard supports responsible, conflict-sensitive sourcing in supply chains via a chain-of-custody through certified entities.

"RJC congratulates Metalor on achieving COP re-certification across its group and CoC Certification for Metalor Technologies (Singapore). After a Member has become RJC Certified for the first time, independent verification is required at the end of each certification period to ensure continued conformance and to maintain Certified Member status. CoC Certification provides a mechanism for refiners to demonstrate to downstream users how they are implementing the OECD Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Supply Chains. Metalor's Singapore subsidiary joins their Swiss, USA, Hong Kong operations with their successful CoC Certification. The verification assessment was conducted by UL, one of the independent third-party auditing firms accredited by the RJC," says Catherine Sproule, RJC's Chief Executive Officer - Interim.

"Today, Metalor is extremely proud to have obtained the renewal of the RJC Certification, which has been established on the grounds of an independent audit, as well as the RJC - CoC certification. Also, further to this successful RJC-CoC certification of our new Singapore site, all Metalor refineries in the world comply with the very strict standards of ethical, social and environmental practices of the RJC. These accomplishments represent a further proof of our commitments to socially responsible business practices," says Larry Drummond, Metalor Area Vice-President Americas and Member of the RJC Standards Committee.

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About RJC

The Responsible Jewellery Council is an international not-for-profit organisation bringing together more than 415 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-

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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 Metalor

Metalor is a leading responsible player in the precious metals trade.

The Group's core competencies are chemistry, metallurgy and the management and transformation of precious metals. Metalor's primary objective is to create exceptional value for its customers, stakeholders and shareholders, within a culture of performance, innovation, trust, respect and ethics.

Since its creation in 1852, Metalor's corporate culture has been founded upon honesty and integrity at all levels of the company. Through its three business units (Refining, Advanced Coatings and Electrotechnics), Metalor serves customers on all continents in a variety of industry sectors, from Swiss watch manufacturers to Brazilian electrical equipment suppliers.

With subsidiaries all over the world, and more than 1700 employees, the Metalor Group is present in Europe, the United-States, South-America and Asia. In 2012, Metalor's net sales amounted to CHF 379.6 million. For more information about Metalor, you can visit our website at: www.metalor.com

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