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THE RESPONSIBLE JEWELLERY COUNCIL (RJC) EXPANDS INTO THE SILVER SUPPLY CHAIN

London, UK: 27 November 2017 - The Responsible Jewellery Council (RJC) today announces the expansion of its material scope to include silver. As the leading standards setting and certification organisation for the fine jewellery and watch supply chain, this expansion adds another key sector to the RJC's remit, helping the Council to widen its authority and reputation across the industry.

The expansion of the RJC into the silver supply chain comes after years working with leading companies in the precious metal supply chains, addressing issues found in the diamond, gold and platinum group metals supply chain.

Andrew Bone, Executive Director of the RJC, said, "It is a natural progression for the RJC to include the silver sector, furthering our goal to become a fully integrated jewellery supply chain initiative. The expansion allows us to use the expertise we have gathered through our longstanding work across other precious metal supply chains and will help us better support a sustainable and ethical silver industry".

Chairman of the RJC's Board of Directors, Wilfried Hoerner added "By extending the material scope for RJC certification, more businesses in the jewellery supply chain will now be able to confidently demonstrate their commitment to responsible business practices through certification against the RJC standards. We are really pleased to be able to welcome the silver supply chain to our growing community of confidence."

Information relevant to the silver supply chain will be included in the RJC's Code of Practices (COP) standard. The COP defines responsible ethical, human rights, social, and environmental practices for businesses operating in the diamond, gold and/or platinum group metals, coloured gemstones and now silver. The full integration of silver into the COP is expected to be completed by the end of 2018.

Achieving RJC certification offers companies a competitive edge, highlighting their commitment to the highest standards in ethical and sustainable practices.

For more information on updates relevant to the silver supply chain, please click here to join our silver supply chain mail list: [Register here](#)

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About RJC

The Responsible Jewellery Council is an international not-for-profit standards and certification organisation. It has more than 1,000 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 [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

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