



Responsible Jewellery Council

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SYNDICAT SAINT ELOI JOINS THE RESPONSIBLE JEWELLERY COUNCIL

LONDON – The Responsible Jewellery Council (RJC) today announced that Syndicat Saint Eloi, the French Union of the Watch and Jewellery traders, the *Union du Commerce, de l'Horlogerie, Bijouterie, Joaillerie, Orfèvrerie et Accessoires*, has become a Member.

"I am delighted to welcome Syndicat Saint Eloi as the 12th trade Association to join RJC. Syndicat Saint Eloi joins an impressive list of key national and international trade associations that have made the strong commitment to support the RJC's mission; Jewelers of America, the American Gem Society, the National Association of Goldsmiths, the British Jewellers Association, the World Gold Council, the Union Française BJOP, the Danish Jewellers Association, Confindustria Federorafi, Club degli Orafi, Platinum Guild International, the International Diamond Manufacturers Association, as Members of the RJC," says Michael Rae, RJC's Chief Executive Officer.

RJC Trade Association Members play a pivotal role in building awareness of the value of RJC membership. Through their strong national ties, RJC Trade Associations can also assist their members in offering tailored guidance, advice and support in the steps toward RJC Member Certification.

"We are indeed proud to be a member of RJC and look forward to working together with RJC and our members to ensure the responsible and ethical advancement of the industry," says Christine Boquet, President and delegate of Syndicat Saint Eloi.

Founded in Paris in 1979, Syndicat Saint Eloi is an independent professional body which represents the French watch and jewellery traders (branches, independent and partner firms), respecting everyone's interest. It functions as a centre of information for its members and the whole industry.

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About RJC

The Responsible Jewellery Council is an international not-for-profit organisation bringing together more than 290 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 metals jewellery products. The Council has developed the RJC Member Certification System, a certification system – which will apply to all Members’ businesses that contribute to the diamond, gold and platinum 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 Member Certification System. A full list of its Members can be found on the web at www.responsiblejewellery.com

About Syndicat Saint Eloi

Founded in 1979, Syndicat Saint Eloi is an independent trade association of major organizations from the jewellery and watch industry. It is managed by a Board of Directors elected by its members. Syndicat Saint Eloi provides support to its membership on free legal aid, assisting with social and financial bonuses, serving as a centre of information and as a communication platform for public issues. Syndicat Saint Eloi also publishes a newsletter that highlights new legislations, encouraging social dialogue with the labor unions and the Government in order to sustain working conditions and employment in the retail jewellery industry. More information on www.syndicat-sainteloi.com

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