

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## RJC CERTIFIES FRENCH JEWELLERY MANUFACTURER, ORIGIN

LONDON - RJC announced today that Origin has achieved Certification against the 2013 Code of Practices (COP) at its manufacturing facility in Villeurbanne, France.

"It is a pleasure to announce Origin has been certified against the 2013 COP. The new provisions under the 2013 COP address important issues for our Members and their supply chain. We are delighted to see Members achieving Certification against the standard and warmly congratulate Origin," says Andrew Bone, RJC's Executive Director.

The successful verification assessment was led by Anne-Lise Legrand from SGS United Kingdom Limited, one of the independent third-party auditing firms accredited by the RJC.

"We are very thrilled by and very proud of our RJC Certification. It was an important next step for us to be able to confirm our ongoing commitment to the highest ethical, social and environmental business practices," says Stéphane Champion and Nicolas Steboun, owners of Origin.

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## **About RJC**

The Responsible Jewellery Council is an international not-for-profit standards and certification organisation. It has more than 700 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 <u>Full Member of the ISEAL Alliance</u> – the global association for sustainability standards. For more information on RJC Members, Certification, and Standards please visit <u>www.responsiblejewellery.com</u>

## **About Origin**

Based in France in Villeurbanne, Origin was founded in 2013 by two friends Stéphane CHAMPION and Nicolas STEBOUN. The company is mainly working as a subcontractor for companies working themselves for Place Vendôme houses. Origin specialises in top level quality jewellery manufacturing, polishing, and stone-setting.

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