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RJC CERTIFIES SPARKASSE PFORZHEIM CALW

LONDON - RJC announced today that Sparkasse Pforzheim Calw has achieved Certification against the 2013 Code of Practices (COP) at its head office and trading facility in Pforzheim, Germany.

"It is a pleasure to announce Sparkasse Pforzheim Calw has been certified against the 2013 COP. The 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 Sparkasse Pforzheim Calw," says Andrew Bone, RJC's Executive Director.

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

"We are proud to have achieved RJC Certification. As a savings bank with a public mandate we've always had very high moral requirements. A clean supply chain of the dealt precious metals is highly important for us and our customers," says Stephan Scholl, Chairman of the Board of Sparkasse Pforzheim Calw.

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About RJC

The Responsible Jewellery Council is an international not-for-profit standards and certification organisation. It has more than 800 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 Sparkasse Pforzheim Calw

Sparkasse Pforzheim Calw is a German non-profit public-sector bank with a custodial function status, which acts as the joint savings bank for the City of Pforzheim, the Enz District and the District of Calw. Sparkasse Pforzheim Calw is one of the major savings banks in Germany – Number 11 out of a total of 409 – and is the largest in the state Baden-Württemberg. Due to the economic profile of its business area one of its core competences is precious metals trading for private and business customers. For more information about Sparkasse Pforzheim Calw visit www.sparkasse-pforzheim-calw.de.

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