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RJC CERTIFIES WEGELIN FRERES

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

"It is a pleasure to announce Wegelin Freres 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 Wegelin Freres," says Andrew Bone, RJC's Executive Director.

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

"RJC Certification provides us with an opportunity to enhance excellence in the work we do," says Laurent Joubert, CEO of Wegelin Frères. "As a manufacturer, achieving RJC Certification enables us to demonstrate our commitment to responsible business practices to not only our customers but the entire jewellery industry."

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About RJC

The Responsible Jewellery Council is an international not-for-profit standards and certification organisation. It has more than 850 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 Wegelin Freres

Wegelin Frères is a one century old jewellery manufacturer working according to artisan traditions but also including the latest technologies in its manufacturing process. Wegelin Frères designs precious jewellery to meet customer needs and

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requirements. Furthermore, its large jewellery collection and its creativity have led Wegelin Frères into a special space on the custom made market.

RJC Certification Information – Wegelin Freres

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