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ASPREY GROUP BECOMES CERTIFIED MEMBER OF THE RJC

LONDON - RJC announced today that Asprey, the UK based jewellery retailer, has achieved Certification by meeting the highest ethical, social and environmental standards established by the RJC.

"RJC warmly congratulates the Asprey Group on its Certification. The successful verification assessment was conducted by Peter Warbrick from SGS United Kingdom Limited, one of the independent third-party auditing firms accredited by the RJC," says Ashish Deo, RJC's Chief Executive Officer.

"Asprey has always endeavoured to maintain the highest ethical standards through every step of the jewellery supply chain, ensuring that the extraordinary pieces we create are made in a transparent, sustainable and responsible way. Achieving Certification from the RJC was the logical next step allowing us to acknowledge and ensure our business practices and the suppliers we work with conform to the initiatives and best practices set out by the Council, which we believe can make a difference to the challenges faced by this industry.

With clearly defined benchmarks initiated by the RJC, the process of Certification has educated and inspired the teams across the business, and most importantly imparts client confidence in our brand and the jewellery trade today," says Justine Carmody, Jewellery & Timepiece Director, Asprey.

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About RJC

The Responsible Jewellery Council is an international not-for-profit standards and certification organisation. It has more than 500 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>

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About the Asprey Group

Asprey has been a purveyor of British luxury goods for over 230 years. Throughout centuries, the company has earned a reputation of excellence, with core values based on a longstanding British heritage.

Asprey have always been at the forefront of quality, timeless design and beautiful craftsmanship, which remains unchanged today. For much of the company's history, Asprey's craftsmen have been housed above the Bond street store, with expert silversmiths, goldsmiths, jewellers, engravers, watchmakers and leather craftspeople working alongside an innovative creative team.

The on-site workshops are Asprey's renowned resource, offering a truly integrated and unrivalled bespoke service. Many of the special commissions are exclusively designed, developed and realised in the London workshops creating heirlooms to be cherished and passed on for generations.

Asprey continues to remain true to its core values; curating talent with an incredible spirit of invention and innovation coupled with an intuitive understanding of the Asprey brand and its British provenance.

RJC Certification Information – Asprey Group

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