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OTELINE - RE-CERTIFIED BY THE RJC

LONDON - RJC announced today that OTELINE, the French jewellery manufacturer, has achieved Re-Certification by meeting the highest ethical, social and environmental standards established by the RJC.

"RJC congratulates OTELINE on achieving Re-Certification. After a Member has become RJC Certified for the first time, independent verification is required at the end of each certification period to ensure continued conformance and to maintain Certified Member status. The successful verification assessment was conducted by Marguerite Whitwham from SGS, one of the independent third-party auditing firms accredited by the RJC," says Catherine Sproule, RJC's Chief Executive Officer - Interim.

"We are honoured to have achieved this renewed RJC Certification status. It confirms our commitment in promoting responsible and ethical business practices, in line with OTELINE's core values of excellence and know-how (traditional craftsmanship and new technology) in jewellery making," said Chantal and Tony MAQUAIRE, Owners, OTELINE.

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About RIC

The Responsible Jewellery Council is an international not-for-profit standards and certification organisation. It has more than 480 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 OTELINE

OTELINE was founded in Lyon (France) in 1999 and is certified "Joaillerie de France". Our position is geostrategically placed between Paris and Geneva. We specialise in the development and production for high-end international jewellery brands. We offer a complete range of services from technical development, CAD (Computer-Aided Design), stone supply, casting, setting and polishing. OTELINE is very appreciated for its know-how in complex wax sculptures.

Finally, since 2005 OTELINE has been creating its own design jewellery under the name of OTELINA joaillerie. For more information about OTELINA joaillerie visit www.otelina.fr

RJC Certification Information – OTELINE

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