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FOPE BECOMES CERTIFIED MEMBER OF THE RJC

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

"RJC is delighted that FOPE is joining the list of our Certified Members. The successful verification assessment was conducted by Renato Bruno from Rina Services SPA, one of the independent third-party auditing firms accredited by the RJC," says Ashish Deo, RJC's Chief Executive Officer.

"FOPE is very pleased to have achieved the RJC Certification. To us, this is the result of the application of the values that have inspired the company since its foundation in 1929. A true step forward, one that will allow our brand to be associated not only to the beautiful jewellery it makes, but also to the ethics shared with the best players in this industry," says Diego Nardin, CEO, FOPE.

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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>

About FOPE

FOPE is an Italian goldsmith, an innovation-oriented international company, a tradition that has evolved to become one of the world's most sought-after jewellery brands. Headquarters (management and production) are located in the beautiful town of Vicenza in Italy, where the owning family established the first laboratory in 1929 and where their roots still are. Every day, every jewel is created in-house with love and passion by skilled craftsmen and thanks to the precision of the custom-made machines, resulting in signature lines such as the Novecento chains or the Flex'it bracelets. Then it is shipped to the best stores around the world where it can be admired and purchased by the most refined ladies. For more information visit www.fope.com

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