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VAN CLEEF & ARPELS- RE-CERTIFIED BY THE RJC

LONDON - RJC announced today that Van Cleef & Arpels, the French jewellery retailer, has achieved Re-Certification by meeting the highest ethical, social and environmental standards established by the RJC.

"RJC congratulates Van Cleef & Arpels on achieving Re-Certification. Van Cleef & Arpels were first certified in 2011. 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 thereby maintain Certified Member status," says Ashish Deo, RJC's Chief Executive Officer.

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

"Faithful to its ethic of creation, Van Cleef & Arpels seeks to build a long and true relationship with its clientele. This Certification conveys our identity founded on excellence and trust without any compromise," says Nicolas Bos, CEO and President, Van Cleef & Arpels.

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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 Van Cleef & Arpels

Since 1906, Van Cleef & Arpels has opened 102 boutiques around the world, including 3 Maisons: in Paris (Place Vendôme), New York (Fifth Avenue) and Hong Kong (Landmark Prince's) - immerging its clientele into its poetic universe.

RJC Certification Information – Van Cleef & Arpels

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