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## RESPONSIBLE JEWELLERY COUNCIL CERTIFIES JOHN HARDY

LONDON - The Responsible Jewellery Council (RJC) announced today that John Hardy, the Hong Kong - based jewellery manufacturer, has achieved certification by meeting the ethical, social and environmental standards established by the RJC's Member Certification system.

"RJC warmly congratulates John Hardy on its certification. The successful verification assessment was conducted by UL, one of the independent third-party auditing firms accredited to the RJC's Member Certification system," says Catherine Sproule, RJC's Chief Executive Officer - Interim.

"We are very pleased to have achieved RJC certification which means for us that our strong ethical, social and environmental convictions to be a better company every day are fully in line with the RJC Code of Practices. We are happy to share this recognition with all our customers and partners who have had trust in John Hardy since the beginning. This RJC certification will certainly increase our customers' confidence and reward all our employees for their continuous hard work," says Damien Dernoncourt, CEO of John Hardy.

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## **About RJC**

The Responsible Jewellery Council is an international not-for-profit standards and certification organisation. It has more than 460 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 John Hardy**

The story of John Hardy jewellery starts in 1975 when a young Canadian art student named John Hardy moved to the fabled Indonesian island of Bali and began studying local traditional jewellery-making techniques with a master artisan

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whose ancestors were goldsmiths to the island's former royal courts. By the early 1990's, the collections began selling in two of the most prestigious department stores in the United States: Neiman Marcus and Saks Fifth Avenue.

Today, John Hardy is a luxury brand of handmade designer jewellery that reflects a synergy of designer and artisan to create objects of beauty in an environment of respect for people and for the natural world.

Please visit our website: www.johnhardy.com

**RJC Certification Information John Hardy** 

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