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RESPONSIBLE JEWELLERY COUNCIL CERTIFIES MANUFACTURE HORLOGÈRE VALFLEURIER

LONDON – The Responsible Jewellery Council (RJC) today announced that Manufacture Horlogère ValFleurier, has achieved Certification against the RJC Code of Practices (COP) for its manufacturing facility in Buttes, Switzerland.

"RJC warmly congratulates Manufacture Horlogère ValFleurier on its Certification. The successful verification assessment was conducted by Michel Mooser from SGS, one of the independent third-party auditing firms accredited by the RJC," says Catherine Sproule, RJC's Chief Executive Officer - Interim.

"ValFleurier is proud to have achieved the RJC certification. This accomplishment confirms our company and supply chain partners' commitment to responsible and ethical business practices. Our core value is to drive our business individually and collectively in a sustainable and responsible way to deliver quality client services," says Jean-Pierre Querro, CEO of Manufacture Horlogère ValFleurier.

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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 Manufacture Horlogère ValFleurier

ValFleurier was founded in the Val de Travers (Switzerland) in 2005. It is today the main employer of the district. It specialises in the development and production of watch movements and components for the Richemont brands. For more information about Compagnie Financière Richemont visit www.richemont.com

RJC Certification Information – Manufacture Horlogère ValFleurier

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