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RESPONSIBLE JEWELLERY COUNCIL CERTIFIES BELLON ET FILS SAS

LONDON - The Responsible Jewellery Council (RJC) announced today that Bellon et Fils sas, the French jewellery manufacturer, has achieved certification by meeting the highest ethical, social and environmental standards established by the RJC's Member Certification system.

"RJC warmly congratulates Bellon et Fils on its certification. The successful verification assessment was conducted by Marguerite Whitwham from SGS, 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.

"Since the very beginning, Bellon transmitted the strong value of "a job well-done" to its employees in a shared commitment, and to its clients with whom we have developed a real partnership. Our convictions were in line with those of the RJC and certification became the next obvious step. The RJC certification validates our commitment to operating with the highest social, ethical and environmental standards," says Jean François Joncour, Technical Manager of Bellon et Fils.

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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 Bellon et Fils sas

Founded in 1907, in Valence (South-East France), Bellon et Fils is now one of the oldest manufacture of jewellery in France, with continuous activity for over a century. Louis, Paul, Jacques and now Pierre and Michèle BELLON design, develop, produce and sell in France and all over the world, lines of Precious Fine Jewellery with diamonds, precious and semi-precious gems. From Paris to Tokyo, its brand BELLON Créateur is recognized as an exceptional designer with a great personality.

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