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## **RESPONSIBLE JEWELLERY COUNCIL CERTIFIES IWC SCHAFFHAUSEN**

LONDON - The Responsible Jewellery Council (RJC) announced today that IWC Schaffhausen, the Swiss luxury watch manufacturer, has achieved certification by meeting the highest ethical, social and environmental standards established by the RJC's Member Certification system.

"RJC warmly congratulates IWC Schaffhausen on its certification. The successful verification assessment was led 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.

"We are pleased to receive the Member Certification by the Responsible Jewellery Council as it validates our commitment to ensuring responsible business and sustainable thinking. As a globally successful company, we take corporate social responsibility seriously and believe that it is our duty to perform due diligence to supply chains and to cooperate with companies that uphold the same values and principles as our own. IWC is proud to be confirmed in its mission to continue establishing and strengthening a responsible and accountable corporate culture," says Georges Kern, CEO of IWC Schaffhausen.

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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>

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## About IWC SCHAFFHAUSEN

With a clear focus on technology and development, the Swiss watch manufacturer IWC Schaffhausen has been producing timepieces of lasting value since 1868. The company has gained an international reputation based on a passion for innovative solutions and technical ingenuity. One of the world's leading brands in the luxury watch segment, IWC crafts masterpieces of haute horlogerie at their finest, combining supreme precision with exclusive design.

As an ecologically and socially responsible company, IWC is committed to sustainable production, supports institutions worldwide in their work with children and young people, and maintains partnerships with organizations dedicated to climate and environmental protection. More information at: <u>www.iwc.com/press</u>

**RJC Certification Information IWC Schaffhausen** 

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