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METALOR TECHNOLOGIES (HONG KONG) LTD IS FIRST ASIAN GOLD REFINER AND THIRD TO ACHIEVE RJC CHAIN OF CUSTODY CERTIFICATION

LONDON - The Responsible Jewellery Council (RJC) today announced that Metalor Technologies (Hong Kong) Ltd, a subsidiary of the Swiss headquartered Metalor Technologies International SA, has achieved certification against the new RJC Chain of Custody (CoC) Standard.

"RJC is delighted to congratulate Metalor Technologies (Hong Kong) Ltd on achieving the third CoC Certification granted by RJC. CoC Certification provides a mechanism for refiners to demonstrate how they are implementing the OECD Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Supply Chains. Metalor Technologies (Hong Kong) Ltd's CoC Certification results from a successful verification assessment conducted by UL Responsible Sourcing, an international auditing company accredited by RJC," says Michael Rae, RJC's Chief Executive Officer.

"Metalor is committed to promote responsible performance of the precious metal supply chain to address increasing customer concerns in the gold recycling industry. We are proud to become the first gold refiner in Asia to achieve the RJC CoC Certification, joining Metalor USA and Metalor Switzerland," says Ricky Lau, Area Executive Greater China, Metalor Technologies (Hong Kong) Ltd.

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About RJC

The Responsible Jewellery Council is an international not-for-profit organisation bringing together more than 370 member companies. RJC and its Members are committed to promoting responsible ethical, human rights, social and environmental practices in a transparent and accountable manner throughout the jewellery industry from mine to retail. This commitment aims to reinforce consumer and stakeholder confidence in diamond, gold and platinum metals jewellery products. The RJC has developed the RJC Member Certification system which applies to all Members' businesses that contribute to the diamond, gold and platinum metals jewellery supply chain. All Certified Members of the RJC are audited by accredited, third party auditors to verify their conformance with the RJC's Code of Practices. A voluntary Chain-of-Custody Standard has also been developed for gold and platinum group metals. The RJC is a Full Member of the ISEAL Alliance – the global association for sustainability standards. For more information on RJC Members, Certification, and Standards please visit www.responsiblejewellery.com

About Metalor Technologies (Hong Kong) Ltd

Metalor Technologies (Hong Kong) Ltd is a wholly owned subsidiary of Metalor Technologies International SA with its headquarters in Switzerland. A leading global refiner of precious metals. Metalor refineries provide gold and silver to the jewellery industry, banks and financial institutions, and to electronics applications through its Refining and Advanced

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Coatings and Electrotechnics Divisions in Europe, North America and Asia. Metalor has also been a major contributor of expertise and resources to governments and industry initiatives that advance social responsibility on the part of multinational business enterprises. More information on www.metalor.com

RJC Certification Information - Metalor Technologies (Hong Kong) Ltd

Chain of Custody Certified Members