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RESPONSIBLE JEWELLERY COUNCIL CERTIFIES OREST GROUP

LONDON - The Responsible Jewellery Council (RJC) announced today that Orest Group, the Erstein - based 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 Orest Group on its certification. The successful verification assessment was conducted by Marie-Charlotte Druesne from Ernst & Young, one of the independent third-party auditing firms accredited to the RJC's Member Certification system," says Michael Rae, RJC's Chief Executive Officer.

"We are very pleased to have become RJC certified, as this reinforces our ethical standing in our industry and strengthens our customers' confidence in our company. As a firm which is nearly fifty years old, it is an honour to be among the certified members of RJC," says Patrick Le Port, CEO and Eric Bollore, Chairman of Orest Group.

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About RJC

The Responsible Jewellery Council is an international not-for-profit organisation bringing together more than 415 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 Orest Group

Founded in 1963, OREST is a French company specialized in jewellery, development and manufacturing. The company is based in Erstein, near Strasbourg and employs about 300 people. Well-known in France for its bridal collections, OREST GROUP is since 2004 a supplier for some main brands. OREST GROUP is a socially aware company which constantly searches new ideas to improve following domains: quality, security, human and environment. More information on: www.orest.fr

RJC Certification Information Orest Group

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