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GOLDLAKE I.P. S.P.A IS FIRST ITALIAN REFINER TO ACHIEVE RJC CERTIFICATION

LONDON - The Responsible Jewellery Council (RJC) announced today that Goldlake I.P. S.p.A, the Italian based precious metals refiner, has achieved certification by meeting the highest ethical, social and environmental standards established by the RJC's Member Certification system.

"RJC warmly congratulates Goldlake I.P. S.p.A on its certification. The successful verification assessment was conducted by Laurent Lhopitallier from Deloitte France, one of the independent third-party auditing firms accredited to the RJC's Member Certification system," says Michael Rae, RJC's Chief Executive Officer.

"Goldlake IP was founded on the principles that a disciplined execution of good operating practices married to a purpose to improve people's lives results in a 'win win' for business and society. The RJC certification is a welcome validation of our business model and we are pleased to join the growing family of certified members committed to assure jewellery lovers that their pieces are free from harm to people or planet," says Ivana Ciabatti, Chief Executive Officer, Goldlake I.P.

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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 Goldlake I.P. S.p.A

Goldlake I.P. is a joint venture founded in 2010 between Goldlake Group and Italpreziosi and is located in Arezzo, Italy's historic center for gold refining and manufacturing. The company is a specialist precious metal refiner sourcing only from proprietary mines that operate to the highest ethical standards and supplying luxury jewellers that demonstrate their commitment to good governance and best practice in corporate accountability. Our success is based on our innovative processes and technology and delivering the highest quality products to our clients.

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