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SWISS REFINER METALOR TECHNOLOGIES SA IS SECOND TO ACHIEVE RJC CHAIN OF CUSTODY CERTIFICATION

LONDON - The Responsible Jewellery Council (RJC) today announced that Metalor Technologies SA, the Swiss refiner, has achieved certification against the new RJC Chain of Custody (CoC) Standard. This certification complements Metalor's achievement last year as the first refiner to be certified against RJC's ethical, human rights, social and environmental standards established in the RJC Member Certification system and Metalor USA Refining Corporation's first CoC certification in the Council's membership.

"RJC is delighted to congratulate Metalor Technologies SA on achieving the second 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 SA'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.

"By successfully completing the RJC CoC certification of our Metalor Technologies SA Swiss Refining facility, Metalor is further strengthening our corporate Responsible Refining™ initiative. We are proud to be the industry leader with respect to the ever increasing demands for socially responsible business practices," says Yuxing Shang, Executive Vice President Refining, Metalor Technologies SA.

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About RJC

The Responsible Jewellery Council is an international not-for-profit organisation bringing together more than 370 member companies 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. Their commitment aims to reinforce consumer and stakeholder confidence in diamond, gold and platinum group metals jewellery products. The Council has developed the RJC Member Certification System, a certification system, which will apply to all Members' businesses that contribute to the diamond, gold and platinum group metals jewellery supply chain. All Commercial Members of the RJC are required to be audited by accredited, third-party auditors to verify their conformance with the RJC's Code of Practices and become certified under the RJC Member Certification System. A full list of its Members can be found on the web at www.responsiblejewellery.com

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About Metalor Technologies SA

Metalor Technologies SA, a leading global refiner of precious metals, accredited for Good Delivery worldwide and an Official Referee of the London Bullion Market Association. Metalor refineries provide gold and silver to the jewellery industry, banks and financial institutions, and to electronics applications through its Refining and Advanced 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 SA

Chain of Custody Certified Members