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DUTCH TRADE ASSOCIATION JOINS THE RESPONSIBLE JEWELLERY COUNCIL

LONDON – The Responsible Jewellery Council (RJC) today announced that *Federatie Goud en Zilver*, the Dutch Federation of Gold & Silver, the master association for entrepreneurs in the gold, silver, watch and gem industry in The Netherlands, has become a Member.

“I am delighted to welcome Federatie Goud en Zilver in the Council’s membership. Federatie Goud en Zilver joins more than 310 companies and key international and national trade associations such as Jewelers of America, the American Gem Society, the National Association of Goldsmiths, the British Jewellers Association, the World Gold Council, the Union Française BJOP, the Danish Jewellers Association, Confindustria FEDERORAFI, Club degli Orafi Italia, Platinum Guild International (PGI), the International Diamond Manufacturers Association (IDMA) and Syndicat Saint Eloi, as Members of the RJC,” said Michael Rae, RJC’s Chief Executive Officer.

“We are indeed proud to be a member of RJC and look forward to the synergy that Federatie Goud en Zilver and RJC can generate to ensure the responsible and ethical advancement of the industry,” said Theo Vermeulen, Secretary-General, Federatie Goud en Zilver.

RJC Trade Association Members play a pivotal role in building awareness of the value of RJC membership. Through their strong national ties, RJC Trade Associations can also assist their members in offering tailored guidance, advice and support in the steps toward RJC Member Certification.

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About RJC

The Responsible Jewellery Council is an international not-for-profit organisation bringing together more than 310 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 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 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

About Federatie Goud en Zilver

The Federatie Goud en Zilver is the trade organisation that works for manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers in The Netherlands. The Federatie represents about 1.300 companies with 70 to 80% of total turnover in jewellery in the country. More information on www.fgz.nl

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