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UK HARRIET KELSALL JEWELLERY DESIGN LTD CERTIFIED BY THE RESPONSIBLE JEWELLERY COUNCIL

LONDON – The Responsible Jewellery Council (RJC) today announced that Harriet Kelsall Jewellery Design Ltd, the UK Bespoke Jeweller, has achieved certification meeting the ethical, human rights, social and

environmental standards as established by the RJC's Member Certification System.

“RJC is indeed delighted to congratulate Harriet Kelsall Jewellery Design Ltd on its certification. The successful verification assessment of Harriet Kelsall Jewellery Design Ltd was conducted by Roshini Wickramasinghe from SGS, one of the independent third-party auditing firms accredited to the RJC's Member Certification System,” says Michael Rae, RJC's Chief Executive Officer.

“Earlier this year we became one of the first 20 jewellers in the UK to be able to work in Fairtrade gold and we are noticing a rise in customers who are requesting their jewellery to be made from ethical and sustainable materials. The Responsible Jewellery Council's Member Certification System is an excellent initiative of which we are proud to be a part and we would strongly urge other organisations in the jewellery industry to strive to achieve RJC certification,” says Harriet Kelsall, Managing Director, Harriet Kelsall Jewellery Design Ltd.

“Harriet emphasized that she feels strongly that the BJA and/or the NAG need to produce some documentation with pointers on relevant UK legislation, as she is keen to try to do what she can to help other UK small businesses get certified,” says Simon Rainer, CEO of the British Jewellers Association. “We are keen to work on this information once we have gathered a group of BJA members keen to get certified. Harriet has, once again, blazed a significant trail here that others must follow. The first UK independent jeweller achieving RJC certification is very important – especially within the current industry context. I am delighted at this news and look forward to other BJA members following suit,” says Mr Rainer.

“The last decade has seen considerable change in the jewellery sector. Many more miners, raw material

processors, designers and jewellers want to act responsibly and ethically, and with due respect for the planet and the people that populate it. In that time there has also been a flourishing of ethical initiatives touching on all levels and segments of the sector. However the supply chain is very

complex with a proliferation of companies and individuals playing their part in bringing products to market. The result is a complex web of sometimes complimentary, sometimes conflicting, and often overlapping schemes, each with their own priorities, timescales, and ultimate objectives. The RJC is the first to bring an integrated certification scheme from mine to retail, and Harriet is in the vanguard of UK retailers achieving that standard," says Michael Hoare, CEO, National Association of Goldsmiths.