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PRESS RELEASE

BVSU presents German translation of the RJC standards

The Federal Association of Jewellery, Watches, Silverware and Related Industries (BVSU), in consultation with the Responsible Jewellery Council, has presented a translation of RJC's own standards "Code of Practices" (COP) and "Chain-of-Custody" (CoC). They are now available free of charge to members of the association.

Pforzheim, 24 August 2020. The **Responsible Jewellery Council (RJC)** is a non-profit standard-setting and certification organisation founded in 2005. The RJC strives for a responsible, world-wide supply chain that promotes trust in the global jewellery and watch industry. To this end, RJC defines two different standards by which members can be aligned and certified. The RJC's **Code of Practices** defines responsible, ethical, human rights, social and environmental practices that cover the jewellery and watch supply chain from mining to retail. All certified RJC members must comply with this Code of Practice.

In addition, the **Chain of Custody** certification defines an approach for companies to handle and trade gold, silver and platinum group metals in a manner that is fully traceable and responsibly sourced. A chain of custody is thus a documented sequence of custody of material in transit along the supply chain. It defines how precious metals are responsibly produced, processed and traded through jewellery supply chains. The Chain of Custody certification is voluntary and complements the certification according to the Code of Practices.

The German industry association Bundesverband Schmuck, Uhren, Silberwaren und verwandte Industrien e. V. (BVSU), in close cooperation with the RJC, has developed a **German translation of both standards** in recent months.

BVSU Director General **Dr Guido Grohmann** explains: "The Federal Association has been a member of the Responsible Jewellery Council since the beginning of 2019. Our main goal, besides promoting the RJC Code of Practices, is to better support our members in certification and re-certification. We will certainly be able to focus on both points even better with the translations now available."

The German versions of the Code of Practices and the Chain-of-Custody are now available free of charge to members of the Association on request.

Bundesverband Schmuck und Uhren, Silberwaren und verwandte Industrien e.V.

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The German Association of Jewellery, Watches, Clocks & Supplying Industry (BVSU) was founded in Pforzheim in 1947. As a lobby group for over 170 predominantly medium-sized member companies, BVSU represents the interests of its members at a national, European and international level. BVSU is a member of the Federation of German Industries (BDI). It is responsible for coordinating the federal associations of the German jewellery and silverware industry. In this capacity it is also integrated in global efforts of the World Jewellery Confederation, CIBJO. BVSU represents the interests of the German watch and clock industry at a European level as a member of the European watchmaking associations EUROTemptus and CPHE. BV Schmuck und Uhren is a member of the Responsible Jewellery Council (RJC).