

NEWS RELEASE

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RJC CERTIFIES ARPA

LONDON - RJC announced today that ARPA has achieved Certification against the 2013 Code of Practices (COP) at its office and manufacturing facility in Paris, France.

"It is a pleasure to announce ARPA has been certified against the 2013 COP. The new provisions under the 2013 COP address important issues for our Members and their supply chain. We are delighted to see Members achieving Certification against the standard and warmly congratulate ARPA," says Andrew Bone, RJC's Executive Director.

The successful verification assessment was led by Anne-Lise Legrand from SGS United Kingdom Limited, one of the independent third-party auditing firms accredited by the RJC.

"We are very proud to have achieved RJC Certification. This Certification not only demonstrates our promise to our customers, but also our commitment to the highest ethical, social and environmental business practices," says Alain Ishakian, Owner of ARPA.

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About RJC

The Responsible Jewellery Council is an international not-for-profit standards and certification organisation. It has more than 700 Member companies that span the jewellery supply chain from mine to retail. RJC Members commit to and are independently audited against the RJC Code of Practices – an international standard on responsible business practices for diamonds, gold and platinum group metals. The Code of Practices addresses human rights, labour rights, environmental impact, mining practices, product disclosure and many more important topics in the jewellery supply chain. RJC also works with multi-stakeholder initiatives on responsible sourcing and supply chain due diligence. The RJC's Chain-of-Custody Certification for precious metals supports these initiatives and can be used as a tool to deliver broader Member and stakeholder benefit.

The RJC is a <u>Full Member of the ISEAL Alliance</u> – the global association for sustainability standards. For more information on RJC Members, Certification, and Standards please visit <u>www.responsiblejewellery.com</u>

About ARPA

ARPA is a French company based in Paris, which was founded in 1991 by Alain Ishakian. Specializing in fabrication of highend jewellery pieces, it operates in all fields of the jewel making process: 3D design, manufacturing, polishing, engraving and finishing. Our top know-how and our quality form our fabrication's signature.

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RJC Certification Information – ARPA

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