

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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# RJC CERTIFIES NEW YORK-BASED DIAMOND TRADER, ASIAN STAR CO. LTD

LONDON - RJC announced today that Asian Star Co. Ltd (New York) has achieved Certification against the 2013 Code of Practices (COP) at its trading office in New York.

"It is a pleasure to announce Asian Star Co. Ltd (New York) 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 Asian Star Co. Ltd (New York)," says Andrew Bone, RJC's Executive Director.

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

"The entire team at Asian Star Co. Ltd (New York) is extremely pleased to have achieved three year RJC Certification. We strongly believe that RJC's code of practices helps us reaffirm our core values of commitment to meaningful social responsibility and promoting the highest ethical standards in the Diamond supply chain," says Mehul Shroff, Vice President Asian Star (New York)

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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 Asian Star Co. Ltd (New York)

Asian Star Co. Ltd (New York) is a subsidiary of Asian Star Co. Ltd (India), one of world's leading diamantaires since 1971 and an industry leader in manufacturing and distribution of diamonds and jewelry globally. The Company has long history of

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excellence in supplying customers around the world with Diamonds and Jewelry exactly as per their needs. For more information kindly email: <a href="mailto:diamonds@asianstar.us">diamonds@asianstar.us</a>

RJC Certification Information - Asian Star Co. Ltd (New York)

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