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RJC CERTIFIES HEERACHAND GEMS PVT LTD

LONDON - RJC announced today that Heerachand Gems Pvt Ltd achieved Certification against the new 2013 Code of Practices (COP) at its diamond trading facility in India. The new 2013 COP was released in November 2013.

"It is a pleasure to announce Heerachand Gems Pvt Ltd as the seventh Indian Member to be certified against the 2013 COP. The new provisions under the 2013 COP address important issues for our Members and their supply chain. We are thrilled to see Members achieving these early Certifications against the new standard and warmly congratulate Heerachand Gems Pvt Ltd,"says Ashish Deo, RJC's Chief Executive Officer.

The successful verification assessment was led Krupa Pednekar Kodialbail from Intertek India Private Limited, one of the independent third-party auditing firms accredited by the RJC.

"Heerachand Gems Private Limited is extremely delighted to have achieved such a prominent Certification from the Responsible Jewellery Council. We really appreciate the efforts made by the members of RJC, our auditing company and all the company employees who were involved in this RJC Certification process. We continually strive towards building an ethical business environment and improve the processes of our company," says Rishi Dhandia, Managing Director, Heerachand Gems Private Limited.

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About RJC

The Responsible Jewellery Council is an international not-for-profit standards and certification organisation. It has more than 500 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>

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About Heerachand Gems Pvt Ltd

Heerachand Gems was established in 1989 and is now incorporated as a Private Limited Company. We are a diamond trading company based in India and specialise in supplying cut & polished loose diamonds. Our products' quality is of primary importance to us. Even in a challenging environment, we endeavor to keep the quality of our products and services consistent for our clients, in a bid to build long-term and stable business relationships. We seek to work with employees who can deliver on a timely basis and are diligent in performing their responsibilities. For more details about our company please visit our website www.heerachandgems.com

RJC Certification Information – Heerachand Gems Pvt Ltd

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