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RJC RE-CERTIFIES JEWELLERY RETAILER, DAY'S JEWELERS

LONDON - RJC announced today that USA-based jewellery retailer, Day's Jewelers, has achieved Re-Certification against the 2013 Code of Practices (COP) at its retail facilities in the USA. The 2013 COP was released in November 2013.

"It is a pleasure to announce Day's Jewelers 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 thrilled to see Members achieving these early Certifications against the standard and warmly congratulate Day's Jewelers," says Catherine Sproule, RJC's Chief Operations Officer.

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

"Day's Jewelers is proud to be Re-Certified by the Responsible Jewellery Council for another 3 years. Professional integrity has been at the core of our company for more than 100 years. More than ever before, it is important for our guests to know that they are doing business with a company that practices the highest level of social, ethical and environmental responsibility. RJC Certification has offered Day's the opportunity to view our company's practices from a different set of eyes. It is through trust and transparency that we will continue to accomplish our firm's mission to "build a company that stands the test of time," states Jeffery Corey, Day's Jewelers owner.

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About RJC

The Responsible Jewellery Council is an international not-for-profit standards and certification organisation. It has more than 600 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 Day's Jewelers

Day's, a Maine based family business, was founded in Portland in 1914 and employs 140 people in Maine and New Hampshire. Day's Jewelers has six physical store locations as well as a full e-commerce website, <u>www.daysjewelers.com</u>. All Day's locations feature a full service department, custom jewelry designers, and offer the largest selection of diamonds and fine jewelry in Northern New England. The company is owned by Kathy, Jim and Jeff Corey who actively work in the business. Day's was selected among the "Best Places to Work In Maine" in 2014. To learn more about Day's Jewelers visit <u>www.daysjewelers.com</u>

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