



## NEWS RELEASE

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### RJC CERTIFIES NEW YORK-BASED FIRESTAR DIAMOND INC.

LONDON - RJC announced today that Firestar Diamond Inc. has achieved Certification against the 2013 Code of Practices (COP) at its jewellery wholesale facility in New York. The 2013 COP was released in November 2013.

“It is a pleasure to announce Firestar Diamond Inc. 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 Certification against the standard and warmly congratulate Firestar Diamond Inc,” says Andrew Bone, RJC’s Executive Director.

The successful verification assessment was led by Miriam Rodriguez from SCS Global Services, one of the independent third-party auditing firms accredited by the RJC.

“Firestar Diamond is very proud to have achieved RJC Certification. We are pleased to join the community of jewelers who are governed by the esteemed Council, to adhere to the highest standards of corporate citizenship. The advancement of social, environmental and ethical practices runs through our entire facility in New York and guides our activities and operations”, states Mihir Bhansali, Firestar CEO.

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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 [Full Member of the ISEAL Alliance](#) – the global association for sustainability standards. For more information on RJC Members, Certification, and Standards please visit [www.responsiblejewellery.com](http://www.responsiblejewellery.com)

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**About Firestar Diamond Inc.**

Firestar Diamond is a global, vertically integrated, diamond and jewelry manufacturer. It maintains diamond cutting facilities in India, Russia and South Africa, and jewelry manufacturing centers in Mumbai and Surat. The firm places great emphasis on creating special diamond cuts, leading edge jewelry designs and national brands and maintains one of the most extensive intellectual property libraries in the industry.

For more information, please visit [www.firestardiamond.com](http://www.firestardiamond.com)

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