



## NEWS RELEASE

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### RJC CERTIFIES PARISIAN DIAMOND TRADER, MESSIKA DIAMONDS SAS

LONDON - RJC announced today that Messika Diamonds SAS has achieved Certification against the 2013 Code of Practices (COP) at its trading office in Paris, France. The 2013 COP was released in November 2013.

“It is a pleasure to announce Messika Diamonds SAS 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 Messika Diamonds SAS,” 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.

“Our RJC Certification represents for Messika Diamonds the reward and the recognition of a very qualified know-how we have built with integrity since many years. This achievement highlights how the practice of high ethical standards is an essential part of Messika Diamonds’ business commitment. This certification enables us to place ourselves among the best traders, who are the most famous jewelry brands in the world”, says Albert Safrana, President of Messika Diamonds.

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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)

#### About Messika Diamonds SAS

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André Messika established the company in 1972 in Paris as a distributor of polished diamonds and has been leader in France since the 1980s. In 2003, André Messika decided to expand internationally and moved into manufacturing rough diamonds. Six years later, André Messika contributed to the opening of a diamond cutting and polishing school in Lesotho, South Africa, assisting the economy and helping develop local skills and employment. To demonstrate commitment to the protection of consumer confidence and enhance the integrity of the diamond and jewellery industry, the company became a member of the Responsible Jewellery Council (RJC certification number 0453) in 2012. The company has built a reputation on core values such as ethics, trust, expertise, dedicated service, and top quality diamonds, that's why pipeline integrity is top priority. As a result of his vision and focus, André Messika has become a global player in major markets and among the top 5 exporters in Israel.

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