

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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# RJC CERTIFIES INDIAN DIAMOND MANUFACTURER, SHRI HARI GEMS

LONDON - RJC announced today that Shri Hari Gems has achieved Certification against the 2013 Code of Practices (COP) at its sales and manufacturing facilities across India.

"It is a pleasure to announce Shri Hari Gems 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 Shri Hari Gems," says Andrew Bone, RJC's Executive Director.

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

"At Shri Hari Gems we are committed to work in a sustainable and responsible way. The journey of achieving RJC Certification for a small to medium enterprise like Shri Hari Gems, posed number of challenges and I wish to thank my entire team for their support and efforts in achieving this milestone. We feel proud to be a certified member of RJC. This achievement confirms our commitment to our core values and our vision of sustainable growth of the Gems and Jewellery industry," says Mayur Patel, Senior Partner at Shri Hari Gems.

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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 Shri Hari Gems**

Established in 1986, Shri Hari Gems is recognized today as the largest manufacturer of small size Argyle diamonds in the world. Its state of the art manufacturing facilities and skilled workforce cater to the specialized technical requirements of processing Argyle diamonds. Shri Hari Gems has a strong management team with extensive experience and expertise in diamond processing and manufacturing.

RJC Certification Information – Shri Hari Gems

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