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IGI - NORTH & SOUTH AMERICA - RE-CERTIFIED BY THE RJC

LONDON – RJC announced today that IGI – North & South America, the US-based Service Industry Member, has achieved Re-Certification by meeting the highest ethical, social and environmental standards established by the RJC.

"RJC congratulates IGI — North & South America on achieving Re-Certification. IGI — North & South America was first certified in 2011. After a Member has become RJC Certified for the first time, independent verification is required at the end of each certification period to ensure continued conformance and thereby maintain Certified Member status," says Ashish Deo, RJC's Chief Executive Officer.

The successful verification assessment was conducted by UL Responsible Sourcing, one of the independent third-party auditing firms accredited by the RJC.

"As an established member of the Responsible Jewellery Council, IGI – North & South America is proud to achieve three-year Re-Certification, which we value as an essential recognition. This milestone reflects our consistency and dedication to providing accurate and trustworthy product information to consumers. The Institute is focused on continuing to work in collaboration with RJC to uphold and promote responsible, ethical and sustainable practices in all aspects of the industry," said Jerry Ehrenwald, IGI President & 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 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>

About IGI - North & South America

IGI – North & South America's New York headquarters and Los Angeles and Canadian laboratories are certified by the Responsible Jewellery Council. The International Gemological Institute, established in 1975, provides independent, objective and accurate grading, identification, and appraisal reports of gemstones and fine jewellery, as well as offers

gemological educational courses. IGI's worldwide organization consists of graduate gemologists and accredited gem and jewellery appraisers. For more information, please visit www.igiworldwide.com or www.igionline.com

RJC Certification Information – IGI – North & South America

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