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INTERJEWEL USA INC - RE-CERTIFIED AGAINST NEW RJC CODE OF PRACTICES

LONDON - RJC announced today that Interjewel USA Inc, the US based jewellery manufacturer, has achieved Re-Certification against the 2013 Code of Practices (COP), demonstrating their company's commitment and contribution to a responsible global jewellery supply chain. They are the first US jewellery manufacturer to be certified against the RJC's new standard.

"RJC congratulates Interjewel USA Inc on achieving Re-Certification. 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 to maintain Certified Member status. The 2013 COP includes new provisions that address important issues for RJC Members and their supply chains," says Ashish Deo, RJC's Chief Executive Officer.

The independent third party audit was conducted by UL Responsible Sourcing, one of the qualified auditing firms accredited by the RJC.

"At Interjewel we pay homage to the world's most alluring stone ever, every day. Our business runs on trust which is a part of our heritage and is our strength. This credo has made us one of the most sought after diamond companies in the world. The RJC Re-Certification for us means one more successful step ahead in the constant endeavor to meet the highest standards of ethical, human rights, social and environmental standards established by the RJC Member Certification System.

The Certification is our promise to the industry and our clients that we will always adhere to the highest standards in our business at every level," says Sanjay Kothari, President, Interjewel USA Inc.

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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>

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About Interjewel USA Inc

Established in 1989, Interjewel USA Inc is a subsidiary of the Interjewel Group (established in 1970). Interjewel USA Inc. has been Re-certified by the Responsible Jewelry Council.Based in New York, Interjewel USA Inc. deals in Diamond Studded Jewelry.

The Interjewel group is part of every stage of the entire value chain, from rough sourcing to jewelry sales marketing, making it a preferred partner of choice in the industry. The Interjewel Group has a global network of offices in all major diamond trading centers of the world, offering customized services to a diverse customer base internationally. More information on <u>www.interjewel.net</u>.

RJC Certification Information – Interjewel USA Inc

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