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RESPONSIBLE JEWELLERY COUNCIL CERTIFIES IGC BRAND SERVICES LLC

LONDON - The Responsible Jewellery Council (RJC) announced today that IGC Brand Services LLC, the Chicagobased jewellery manufacturer, has achieved certification by meeting the highest ethical, social and environmental standards established by the RJC's Member Certification system.

"RJC warmly congratulates IGC Brand Services LLC on its certification. The successful verification assessment was conducted by Michael Armstrong from KPMG, one of the independent third-party auditing firms accredited to the RJC's Member Certification system," says Michael Rae, RJC's Chief Executive Officer.

"We believe the integrity of the diamond and jewellery industry is dependent on the very principles championed by organizations such as the Responsible Jewellery Council. We are committed to do our part. Promoting ethical and socially responsible business practices is a fundamental and core value of this business," says Chris LaTrobe, President, IGC Brand Services LLC.

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About RJC

The Responsible Jewellery Council is an international not-for-profit organisation bringing together more than 370 member companies. RJC and its Members are committed to promoting responsible ethical, human rights, social and environmental practices in a transparent and accountable manner throughout the jewellery industry from mine to retail. This commitment aims to reinforce consumer and stakeholder confidence in diamond, gold and platinum metals jewellery products. The RJC has developed the RJC Member Certification system which applies to all Members' businesses that contribute to the diamond, gold and platinum metals jewellery supply chain. All Certified Members of the RJC are audited by accredited, third party auditors to verify their conformance with the RJC's Code of Practices. A voluntary Chain-of-Custody Standard has also been developed for gold and platinum group metals. The RJC is a <u>Full Member of the ISEAL</u> <u>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 IGC Brand Services LLC

IGC Brand Services LLC is a member of the IGC Group, a DTC Sightholder based in Antwerp, Belgium. IGC Brand Services LLC headquarters in Chicago have been certified by the Responsible Jewellery Council. Since the IGC Group opened its diamond cutting factory in Botswana it has acquired the world-wide distribution rights for the "Southern African Diamond" branded loose diamond & jewellery collections. IGC Brand Services LLC helps jewelers connect with today's mobile consumer using its RingFinder App. This state of the art sales tool empowers sales associates & allows jewelers to display bridal collections on the App Store. Our annual IGC Diamond safaris offer jewelers the opportunity to personally inspect our supply chain by visiting the Botswana diamond mines & the IGC diamond cutting factory located in Botswana. In 2012, The IGC Group is celebrating one hundred years in business. More information on www.igcgroup.com/brandservices

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