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RESPONSIBLE JEWELLERY COUNCIL CERTIFIES US JEWELLERY RETAILER KRIKAWA JEWELRY DESIGNS

LONDON - The Responsible Jewellery Council (RJC) announced today that Krikawa Jewelry Designs, the Arizona-based jewellery retailer, has achieved certification by meeting the highest ethical, social and environmental standards established by the RJC's Member Certification system.

"RJC warmly congratulates Krikawa Jewelry Designs on its certification. The successful verification assessment was conducted by UL Responsible Sourcing, one of the independent third-party auditing firms accredited to the RJC's Member Certification system," says Michael Rae, RJC's Chief Executive Officer.

"I am thrilled and honoured to be a certified member of the RJC. It is important for our entire industry to step up and recognise the cost of making fine jewellery upon the environment and future generations. With everyone working together, we can ensure that both the planet and human beings are treated with care in the process of creating beautiful jewellery," says Lisa Krikawa, Founder & Designer, Krikawa Jewelry Designs.

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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 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

About Krikawa Jewelry Designs

Krikawa Jewelry Designs is an international custom jewellery retailer led by award-winning designer Lisa Krikawa. Since 1998, Krikawa has been handcrafting unique engagement and wedding rings out of a precision studio in Tucson, Arizona. With a collaborative team of master goldsmiths and expert designers and support staff, Krikawa integrates old world artistry, and innovative technology with extraordinary customer service. Pioneering a personalized custom-design experience, the company creates one-of-a-kind masterpieces for a worldwide clientele. Krikawa is renowned for the art of mokume gane and is a recipient of over 20 national design awards, as well as a Better Business Bureau Ethics Award. Krikawa practices the highest ethical, social and environmental responsibilities possible, while educating consumers about

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their choices, and setting an example within the industry. More information at www.krikawa.com.

RJC Certification Information – Krikawa Jewelry Designs

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