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IGI – NORTH & SOUTH AMERICA – RE-CERTIFIED BY THE RESPONSIBLE JEWELLERY COUNCIL

LONDON - The Responsible Jewellery Council (RJC) announced today that New York-based service industry member, the International Gemological Institute (IGI) – North & South America, has achieved re-certification by meeting the ethical, social and environmental standards established by the RJC's Member Certification System.

"RJC congratulates IGI – North & South America 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 successful verification assessment was conducted by UL, one of the independent third-party auditing firms accredited to the RJC's Member Certification system," says Catherine Sproule, RJC's Chief Executive Officer - Interim.

"We are honoured to once again earn this important recognition. As a long-time RJC member, we fully support the Council's commitment to promoting responsible and ethical practices throughout the industry. As IGI – North & South America's core values complement those of the RJC's, we look forward to continuing to work together to educate and further the industry as a whole, while ultimately reinforcing consumer confidence," said IGI President and CEO Jerry Ehrenwald, GG; ASA.

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About RJC

The Responsible Jewellery Council is an international not-for-profit standards and certification organisation. It has more than 460 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 [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 IGI – North & South America

IGI – North & South America's New York headquarters and Los Angeles and Canadian laboratories have been certified by the Responsible Jewellery Council. IGI was established in 1975 and is currently the world's largest independent laboratory for testing and grading gemstones and fine jewellery with offices in Antwerp, New York, Hong Kong, Mumbai, Tel Aviv, Bangkok, Tokyo, Dubai, Toronto, Los Angeles, Kolkata, New Delhi, Surat, Chennai, Thrissur, Ahmedabad, Hyderabad, Cavaleze and Shanghai. IGI provides objective and accurate grading, identification, and appraisal reports of gemstones and fine jewellery, as well as offers gemmological educational courses. IGI's worldwide organization consists of graduate gemmologists and accredited gem and jewellery appraisers. For more information, please visit www.igiworldwide.com or www.igionline.com.

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