

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## **RJC CERTIFIES ANDRE MESSIKA LTD**

LONDON - RJC announced today that Andre Messika Ltd, the Israel based diamond trader, has achieved Certification by meeting the highest ethical, social and environmental standards established by the RJC.

"RJC warmly congratulates Andre Messika Ltd on its Certification," says Ashish Deo, RJC's Chief Executive Officer.

The successful verification assessment was conducted by Itzik Schatz from Resource Consulting Services Limited, one of the independent third-party auditing firms accredited by the RJC.

"We are proud and pleased to be a RJC Certified Member. We believe and support the RJC values. Transparency and integrity are part of who we are. We are committed to protect consumer confidence and enhance the integrity of the jewelry industry," says Andre Messika, Shareholder, Andre Messika Group.

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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 Andre Messika Ltd**

Andre Messika is one of the world's largest and most respected polished diamonds merchant. In 2013, after seven years of continuously rising turnover (estimated today at USD 100 million), a robust cash flow, and an esteemed clientele including the biggest brands in the jewelry industry, Andre Messika Diamonds Ltd, was honored as Israel's "Outstanding Exporter" (2012). In 2014, Andre Messika opened a "boutique" factory, in the diamond complex itself, with a professional training, courses given by a very high professional staff.

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The Responsible Jewellery Council is the trading name of the Council for Responsible Jewellery Practices Ltd.

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Andre Messika's extensive and varied stock includes:

- All shapes and sizes from 0.20 ct to 20.00+ ct
- Single stones and matching pairs
- Natural fancy colors, rare and unique stones
- Certification GIA and HRD

RJC Certification Information - Andre Messika Ltd

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