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RJC CERTIFIES ASHWIN DIAMONDS

LONDON - RJC announced today that Ashwin Diamonds has achieved Certification against the 2013 Code of Practices (COP) at its headquarters and trading facility in Mumbai, India. The 2013 COP was released in November 2013.

"It is a pleasure to announce Ashwin Diamonds has been certified against the 2013 COP. The new provisions under the 2013 COP address important issues for our Members and their supply chain. We are thrilled to see Members achieving Certification against the standard and warmly congratulate Ashwin Diamonds," says Andrew Bone, RJC's Executive Director.

The successful verification assessment was led by Gibson Lemos from Bureau Veritas Italia, one of the independent third-party auditing firms accredited by the RJC.

"At Ashwin Diamonds we are proud to be the member of the RJC. Achieving RJC Certification enabled us to continue to be a leading fancy-shaped diamond supplier delivering the highest level of quality and service possible. This will also help us to consistently meet and exceed our customer expectations by following professional, ethical and fair business practices by adhering our company norms." said Manish Shah, Partner at Ashwin Diamonds.

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About RJC

The Responsible Jewellery Council is an international not-for-profit standards and certification organisation. It has more than 600 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 Ashwin Diamonds

Ashwin Diamonds established itself as a manufacturer of fancy shaped diamonds .Ashwin Diamonds has global presence and has a great distribution network through its associate offices globally. Initially, Ashwin Diamonds specialised in Marquise & Pear Shaped diamonds expanding its horizons to different shapes like oval, heart shapes, emerald cuts, cushion, etc. carving out a unique niche in the marketplace as one of the largest manufacturers and wholesaler of fancy shapes.

With strategic locations around the world, Ashwin Diamonds has the wherewithal to supply & service (matched sets, layouts, calibrated sizes etc) to your loose diamond needs no matter where on the globe your business resides. For more information about Ashwin Diamonds visit our website : <u>www.ashwindiamonds.com</u>

RJC Certification Information – Ashwin Diamonds

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