

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## **RJC RE-CERTIFIES BERKER BROS LTD**

LONDON - RJC announced today that Berker Bros Ltd has achieved Certification against the 2013 Code of Practices (COP) at its jewellery manufacturing facility in London, UK. The 2013 COP was released in November 2013.

"It is a pleasure to announce Berker Bros Ltd 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 Berker Bros Ltd," says Andrew Bone, RJC's Executive Director.

The successful verification assessment was led by Peter Warbrick from SGS United Kingdom Limited, one of the independent third-party auditing firms accredited by the RJC.

"Following our initial RJC Certification in June 2012, Berker Bros Ltd has been fully committed to the standards set by the RJC. We have continued to implement the highest possible levels of quality, service, source and supply, whilst ensuring that social, ethical and environmental values were fully protected at all times. We are delighted this has been recognised, with our Re-Certification to the 2013 Code of Practice Standard, which we will continue to build upon. In addition to this, we are pleased to announce that Mr Saul M Rubins, our Policy, Compliance and Quality Assurance Manager, has been appointed as a Director to the RJC Board for Jewellery Manufacture/Wholesale" says Mr Getter, Managing Director at Berker Bros Ltd.

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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 Berker Bros Ltd**

Berker Bros Ltd is a family run business, established in 1945, that remains one of the United Kingdom's leading wedding ring manufacturers. Berker Bros Ltd supplies a comprehensive range of wedding rings (to wholesale and retail clients throughout the UK) that are beautifully crafted, feature exclusive designs and have the quality assurance that accompanies all of our products. Our products are manufactured to the highest standards by staff who have served the company over many years and who display highly skilled workmanship.

Berker Bros Ltd run an extensive range of Gold, Platinum and Palladium rings in both modern and classical styles, as well as a vast range in most other metals.

For more information: www.berkerbros.co.uk

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