

# **NEWS RELEASE**

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# RJC CERTIFIES UK JEWELLERY MANUFACTURER ANDRA JEWELS

LONDON - RJC announced today that UK jewellery manufacturer, Andra Jewels Ltd has achieved Certification against the new 2013 Code of Practices (COP) at its manufacturing facilities in Hastings and Birmingham. The new 2013 COP was released in November 2013.

"It is a pleasure to announce Andra Jewels 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 these early Certifications against the new standard and warmly congratulate Andra Jewels." says Ashish Deo, RJC's Chief Executive Officer.

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

"Following a detailed review of our business ethics and principles by independent auditors, Andra Jewels is very proud to announce that it has received RJC certification. We are particularly pleased that the audit verified our longstanding commitment to providing responsible, social and ethical business practices to our staff, our suppliers and our valued customers." Ian Haring, Managing Director of Andra Jewels 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 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 Andra Jewels**

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Andra Jewels was incorporated in 1959, operates from two factories in the UK and manufactures a wide range of commercial, lightweight stamped jewellery in gold, silver and rolled gold, which it supplies to retailers and jewellery groups around the world. Our product range includes stud earrings, drop earrings, tube hoops, hinged sleepers, nose studs pendants, lockets and bangles. We also manufacture the unique Andralok ® earring fitting, its key aspect being that it does not require earring backs to hold the earring in the ear. For more detailed information about Andra Jewels and its range of jewellery please visit <a href="https://www.andrajewels.com">www.andrajewels.com</a>

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