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RJC CERTIFIES VISHAL DIAMONDS

LONDON - RJC announced today that Vishal Diamonds achieved Certification against the new 2013 Code of Practices (COP) at its manufacturing facility in Mumbai. The new 2013 COP was released in November 2013.

"It is a pleasure to announce Vishal Diamonds as the fourth Indian Member to be 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 Vishal Diamonds," says Catherine Sproule, RJC's Chief Operations Officer.

The successful verification assessment was led by Krupa Pednekar from Intertek, one of the independent third-party auditing firms accredited by the RJC.

"Vishal Diamonds expresses great pride in becoming part of the Responsible Jewellery Council. Our Certification bears testimony to the unity in approach between Vishal Diamonds' responsible manufacturing and business practices and the path of greater common best practices as envisioned by the RJC for the entire industry. The Certification thrusts upon us increased responsibility to produce world class jewellery, which not only shines bright in physical appearance, but also shines through the entire value chain up until the end consumer, based on responsible practices, "says Samir Prabhu, Head of Global Business Development, Vishal 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 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>

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About Vishal Diamonds

Vishal Diamonds is a legacy of Gandhi Group, now in it's 3rd generation. Vishal Diamonds is a renowned manufacturer and distributor in the Diamond & Jewellery Industry backed by 4 decades of the group's industry experience.

We are a vertically integrated, globally marketing organization. Our production activities span across Cutting & Polishing Diamonds, Designing Fine Jewellery, Large Scale Manufacturing of Diamond Jewellery to Manufacturing Bespoke Diamond Jewellery. Our organisational philosophy is "Dependable Quality and Value Delivered, On Time, Every Time".

RJC Certification Information – Vishal Diamonds

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