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RJC CERTIFIES CONTINENTAL JEWELLERY (MFG) LTD

LONDON - RJC announced today that Hong Kong-based Continental Jewellery (Mfg) Ltd have achieved Certification against the new 2013 Code of Practices (COP) at its jewellery manufacturing facility in Guangdong, China. The new 2013 COP was released in November 2013.

"It is a pleasure to announce Continental Jewellery (Mfg) 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 these early Certifications against the new standard and warmly congratulate Continental Jewellery (Mfg) Ltd,"says Ashish Deo, RJC's Chief Executive Officer.

The successful verification assessment was led by Thomas Kwok at Bureau Veritas Italia, one of the independent third-party auditing firms accredited by the RJC.

"Continental is proud to announce the achievement of the RJC certification in 2015. This certification also signifies a new chapter for Continental approaching its 40th anniversary. It shows our dedication to responsible and ethical business practices. It is our core value to enrich local economies, our business partners and to produce high quality jewellery supplying globally." says Victor Chan, Executive Director, Continental Jewellery (Mfg) 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>

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About Continental Jewellery (Mfg) Ltd

Established in 1975, Continental Jewellery (Mfg) Ltd has been dedicating to designing, marketing and trading of fine jewellery for customers of major markets worldwide. With well-established production plants in China, an experienced sales team and modernized manufacturing, Continental has earned a reputation as being one of the leading jewellery manufacturers and exporters. Our products target at the middle to upper market segments. Please visit our website: <u>www.continental.com.hk</u> for more information.

RJC Certification Information – Continental Jewellery (Mfg) Ltd

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