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RJC CERTIFIES KRIKAWA JEWELRY DESIGNS

LONDON - RJC announced today that Krikawa Jewelry Designs has achieved Certification against the 2013 Code of Practices (COP) at its Workshop and Retail facility in Tucson, USA. The 2013 COP was released in November 2013.

"It is a pleasure to announce Krikawa Jewelry Designs 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 delighted to see Members achieving Certification against the standard and warmly congratulate Krikawa Jewelry Designs," says Andrew Bone, RJC's Executive Director.

The successful verification assessment was led by UL Responsible Sourcing, one of the independent thirdparty auditing firms accredited by the RJC.

"Certification by the RJC is of utmost important to our company in demonstrating our commitment to being socially responsible and eco-friendly. The RJC's certification standards, while rigorous, are absolutely necessary for the jewelry industry if we are to have a positive impact on the planet and humanity. As Krikawa Jewelry Designs begins its seventh year as an RJC certified jeweler, I can state with pride that all of our employees are aware of the responsibility that we as jewelers have to future generations and operate at a level of consciousness that is consistent with best industry practices," said Lisa Krikawa, CEO of Krikawa Jewelry Designs.

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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 Krikawa Jewelry Designs

Krikawa Jewelry Designs is a web-based custom ring design studio that creates one-of-a-kind engagement and wedding rings for customers around the world. Krikawa is also known worldwide as a top designer in Mokumé Gané. Krikawa's exquisite designs showcase this ancient Japanese metal which is the precious metal version of Damascus steel. Krikawa continues in that tradition using the beautiful forged metals as inlays in its custom wedding jewelry. An expert design staff helps clients design unique engagement and wedding rings that express their individuality, while the manufacturing team carefully creates each ring with cutting edge technology combined with old-world hand craftsmanship.

Founded in 1998 by Lisa Krikawa, krikawa.com now showcases hundreds of unique designs that are made to order one at a time. Considered by the jewelry industry to be an authority on custom jewelry design, Krikawa's works have has been featured in many articles and Ms. Krikawa has spoken at several industry events. Krikawa is a socially conscious firm that continues to raise the bar in responsible jewelry practices. Lisa Krikawa confirms, "We are here to make a positive difference in people's lives. We believe in social responsibility, the functionality of art, and buying from business partners who are honorable.

RJC Certification Information – Krikawa Jewelry Designs

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