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RJC CERTIFIES ITALIAN JEWELLERY MANUFACTURER, PATROS S.R.L.

LONDON - RJC announced today that Patros S.r.l. has achieved Certification against the 2013 Code of Practices (COP) at its Headquarters and laboratory in Monticello Conte Otta, Italy. The 2013 COP was released in November 2013.

"It is a pleasure to announce Patros S.r.l. 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 Patros S.r.l.," says Andrew Bone, RJC's Executive Director.

The successful verification assessment was led by Pietro Carlo Vincenzo Zanni from Rina Services SPA, one of the independent third-party auditing firms accredited by the RJC.

"We are proud to have been able to enhance our social and environmental responsibility in the past years and subsequently achieve RJC Certification. With this certification we will continue to implement ethical and responsible values and business practices throughout our business," says Diego Bottene, CEO, Patros S.r.l.

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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>

About Patros S.r.l.

Patros S.r.l. is a company that operates in the jewellery industry since 1971 and based in Cavazzale, Vicenza, Italy. The company designs, engineers and manufactures high jewelry and fine jewelry for some prestigious luxury brands worldwide,

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and manufactures also its own line of jewelry. The high technological complexity of Patros allows the company to place themselves at the highest levels of quality and production efficiency, internally placing CNC three-axis, four-axis and five-axis machines, 3D programming, laser cutting, laser welding, laser writing and other important production technologies. The Company also manufactures several unique pieces by the traditional "Bulino" technique. www.patrosgioielli.com

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