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RJC RE-CERTIFIES RHYS JAMES PRIVATE CLIENT SERVICES

LONDON - RJC announced today that Rhys James Private Client Services has achieved Certification against the 2013 Code of Practices (COP) at its retail facility in Melbourne, Australia.

"It is a pleasure to announce Rhys James Private Client Services 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 Rhys James Private Client Services," says Andrew Bone, RJC's Executive Director.

The successful verification assessment was led by Iftikhar Baig from Bureau Veritas Italia, one of the independent third-party auditing firms accredited by the RJC.

"Rhys James Private Client Services is honoured to have achieved RJC re-certification for another three years. We continue to believe that opportunity is built on quality relationships with both our supply chain stakeholders and our valued clientele. The high standards and values expressed by RJC certification mirror our own commitment to transparency, professionalism, integrity and ethical business practice," says Stacey James, Director Client Services and business owner of Rhys James Private Client Services.

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About RJC

The Responsible Jewellery Council is an international not-for-profit standards and certification organisation. It has more than 900 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 Rhys James Private Client Services

Established in 2008, Rhys James Private Client Services is an Australian based jewellery design consultancy and luxury brand producing exceptional diamond jewellery, owned and operated by Rhys and Stacey James. The business is

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