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RESPONSIBLE JEWELLERY COUNCIL CERTIFIES SPARSH

LONDON - The Responsible Jewellery Council (RJC) announced today that Sparsh, the India - based diamond trader has achieved certification by meeting the highest ethical, social and environmental standards established by the RJC's Member Certification system.

"RJC warmly congratulates Sparsh on its certification. The successful verification assessment was conducted by Gibson Lemos from Bureau Veritas, one of the independent third-party auditing firms accredited to the RJC's Member Certification system," says Michael Rae, RJC's Chief Executive Officer.

"We are pleased to receive the RJC certification which encourages our commitment in complying with the highest standards of ethical, human rights, social and environmental standards established by the RJC member certification system," says Sahil Mehta, Partner at Sparsh.

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About RJC

The Responsible Jewellery Council is an international not-for-profit organisation bringing together more than 420 member companies. RJC and its Members are committed to promoting responsible ethical, human rights, social and environmental practices in a transparent and accountable manner throughout the jewellery industry from mine to retail. This commitment aims to reinforce consumer and stakeholder confidence in diamond, gold and platinum metals jewellery products. The RJC has developed the RJC Member Certification system which applies to all Members' businesses that contribute to the diamond, gold and platinum metals jewellery supply chain. All Certified Members of the RJC are audited by accredited, third party auditors to verify their conformance with the RJC's Code of Practices. A voluntary Chain-of-Custody Standard has also been developed for gold and platinum group metals. The RJC is a Full Member of the ISEAL Alliance — the global association for sustainability standards. For more information on RJC Members, Certification, and Standards please visit www.responsiblejewellery.com

About Sparsh

Sparsh is a diamond manufacturing company that specializes in manufacturing of rough diamonds. Innovative technology and master artisans have enabled us to create an exclusive manufacturing infrastructure for planning, cutting and polishing of rough diamonds. Standardised operating processes and stringent process control systems ensure that every diamond is subjected to the same high quality treatment from rough to polish.

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