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RJC CERTIFIES SWAROVSKI GEMSTONES BUSINESS

LONDON - RJC announced today that Swarovski Gemstones Business has achieved Certification against the 2013 Code of Practices (COP) at its facilities across the globe. The 2013 COP was released in November 2013.

"It is a pleasure to announce the Swarovski Gemstones Business 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 the Swarovski Gemstones Business," says Andrew Bone, RJC's Executive Director.

The successful verification assessment was led by Katja Wilde from SGS United Kingdom Limited, one of the independent third-party auditing firms accredited by the RJC.

"The Swarovski Gemstones Business is happy and proud to have become a certified member of the Responsible Jewellery Council. The RJC's principles and aims reflect and complement Swarovski's own core values. By committing to respect the RJC Code of Practices, we are offering an important new level of transparency to customers, enhancing our leadership position in the global marketplace and reconfirming our commitment to responsible business practices in our Genuine Gemstones and Created Stones supply chain. The certification is our impetus to keep striving for a responsible way of doing business, concerning our own operations as well as our industry as a whole," says Daniel Cohen, Executive Board Member.

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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 Swarovski Gemstones Business

As a member of the Swarovski Group of Companies, the Swarovski Gemstones Business is a global leader whose reputation for innovation, design, cutting precision and unrivaled quality has been at the forefront of the international market. The core business specializes in the manufacturing of precision-cut genuine gemstones and created stones. Each stone is crafted to satisfy the strictest manufacturing standards for cut, color, and brilliance. For over 50 years the Swarovski Gemstones Business' mission is to deliver creative diversity for a host of international brands, designers, and manufacturers within the fine and bridge jewelry, watches, eyewear and related industries. The emphasis is upon the development of close partnerships with customers to deliver customized product solutions and services. www.swarovski-gemstones.com

RJC Certification Information – Swarovski Gemstones Business

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