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RJC CERTIFIES ZURI STAR BVBA

LONDON - RJC announced today that Zuri Star BVBA has achieved Certification against the new 2013 Code of Practices (COP) at its diamond trading facility in Antwerp, Belgium. The new 2013 COP was released in November 2013.

"It is a pleasure to announce Zuri Star BVBA 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 these early Certifications against the 2013 COP and warmly congratulate Zuri Star BVBA,"says Catherine Sproule, RJC's Chief Operations Officer.

The successful verification assessment was led by Ann Van Vlaederen from Figurad Bedrijfsrevisoren, one of the independent third-party auditing firms accredited by the RJC.

"We are happy to have achieved RJC Certification well ahead of the due certification date in order to actively promote our commitment to the values contained in the RJC standard. As a newcomer in the Antwerp diamond sector, we look forward to the many benefits that our RJC membership will provide in linking with our new business partners," said Bhavesh Sonani, CEO Zuri Star BVBA.

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About RJC

The Responsible Jewellery Council is an international not-for-profit standards and certification organisation. It has more than 500 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 Zuri Star BVBA

Zuri Star BVBA is an independent polished and rough diamond trader in Antwerp. Founded in 2011 by Bhavesh Sonani, the company has rapidly become a trusted partner for its Antwerp clients and suppliers and intends to expand its global reach in the coming years.

RJC Certification Information – Zuri Star BVBA

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