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RJC CERTIFIES ISRAELI DIAMOND TRADER, PODICKO DIAMONDS LTD

LONDON - RJC announced today that Israeli diamond manufacturer and family-owned business, Podicko Diamonds Ltd has achieved Certification against the new 2013 Code of Practices (COP) at its diamond trading facility in Ramat Gan, Israel. The new 2013 COP was released in November 2013.

"It is a pleasure to announce Podicko Diamonds Ltd 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 new standard and warmly congratulate Podicko Diamonds Ltd." says Ashish Deo, RJC's Chief Executive Officer.

The successful verification assessment was led by Avi Sadikov at SGS United Kingdom, one of the independent third-party auditing firms accredited by the RJC.

"Podicko is proud to have achieved the prestigious RJC certification. Being members of the RJC confirms our commitment to integrating responsible, ethical, human rights, social and environmental considerations into our day-to-day operations, business practices, planning and decision making. It represents our company values to our customers of upholding responsible business practices throughout our supply chain." says Joseph Porecki, President of Podicko Diamonds.

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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>

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About Podicko Diamonds Ltd

Podicko Diamonds is a family owned business that has been operating for three generations. Podicko Diamond's deals in diamonds of all shapes and sizes, however, their expertise is in GIA certified diamonds most of which are rare, large and exceptionally beautiful. In addition Podicko are well known for diamond layouts in Emerald, Radiant, Assher and Cushion cuts. Podicko's long list of worldwide customers include the most prestigious jewellers. For more information about Podicko visit <u>www.podicko-diamonds.com</u>

RJC Certification Information – Podicko Diamonds Ltd

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