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## RESPONSIBLE JEWELLERY COUNCIL RELEASES 2012 ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT PROFILING ACHIEVEMENTS

LONDON –The Responsible Jewellery Council (RJC) is pleased to release today its 2012 Annual Progress Report, profiling the first year of achievements of its comprehensive member certification system and highlighting the Council's multi-stakeholder dialogue processes and its partnerships with important organisations.

The 16-page report provides summaries of the accomplishments made and the experiences of RJC Members in pursuit of their goal of promoting responsible ethical, human rights, social and environmental practices throughout the industry, from mine to retail.

"This report acknowledges the continuing efforts of RJC Members to enhance the integrity and reputation of the jewellery industry. The RJC and its over 370 Members have made tremendous strides since the Council's inception in 2005 and, through this report, the Council wishes to provide a transparent update on progress," says Michael Rae, RJC's Chief Executive Officer.

The e-version of the 2012 RJC Progress Report is downloadable here and available on the RJC website.

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## **About RJC**

The Responsible Jewellery Council is an international not-for-profit organisation bringing together more than 370 member companies 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. Their commitment aims to reinforce consumer and stakeholder confidence in diamond, gold and platinum group metals jewellery products. The Council has developed the RJC Member Certification system which will apply to all Members' businesses that contribute to the diamond, gold and platinum group metals jewellery supply chain. All Commercial Members of the RJC are required to be audited by accredited, third-party auditors to verify their conformance with the RJC's Code of Practices and become certified under the RJC Member Certification system. A full list of its Members and RJC Certified Members can be found on the web at www.responsiblejewellery.com