



## NEWS RELEASE

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### RESPONSIBLE JEWELLERY COUNCIL CERTIFIES ESSKAY GEMS INC.

LONDON - The Responsible Jewellery Council (RJC) announced today that Esskay Gems Inc., the New York-based diamond manufacturer, has achieved certification by meeting the highest ethical, social and environmental standards established by the RJC's Member Certification System.

"RJC warmly congratulates Esskay Gems Inc. on its certification. The successful verification assessment was conducted by Diane Bove from SGS, 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 honored to be a Certified Member of the Responsible Jewelry Council. This highly regarded organization espouses the same ethical standards, integrity and philosophies that we as a company strive to uphold," says Elliot Krischer, President of Esskay Gems.

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#### About RJC

The Responsible Jewellery Council is an international not-for-profit organisation bringing together more than 350 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, a 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 can be found on the web at [www.responsiblejewellery.com](http://www.responsiblejewellery.com)

#### About Esskay Gems Inc

Founded in 1942 by Sam Krischer, Esskay Gems is a family-owned and operated business specializing in the manufacturing of EX EX EX diamonds. The company's success and longevity can be attributed to its deep commitment to quality, reliability and honesty. Esskay manufactures and distributes only the finest stones to a world-wide network of diamond companies. More information on [www.esskaygems.com](http://www.esskaygems.com)

#### [RJC Certification Information – Esskay Gems Inc](#)

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