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RESPONSIBLE JEWELLERY COUNCIL CERTIFIES GCAL

LONDON - The Responsible Jewellery Council (RJC) announced today that the Gem Certification & Assurance Lab, Inc. (GCAL) has achieved certification by meeting the highest ethical, social and environmental standards established by the RJC's Member Certification system.

"RJC is delighted to congratulate GCAL on its certification. The successful verification assessment was conducted by Steve Nanette 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 very pleased to become a certified member of the Responsible Jewellery Council. Our dedication to improving the reporting standards of identification and quality grading of diamonds to the public is a perfect fit with the mission of the RJC to advance responsible ethical, social, and environmental practices throughout the supply chain," says Angelo Palmieri, Chief Operating Officer of GCAL.

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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, 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

About GCAL

Gem Certification & Assurance Lab, Inc. (GCAL) is an independent diamond, gemstone, and jewelry certification laboratory, located in New York City. GCAL was founded by Donald A. Palmieri, a world renowned gem and jewelry appraiser and forensic expert.

Recognized as the first diamond and gemstone grading lab in North America to earn ISO 17025:2005 accreditation, GCAL was founded to raise the level of consumer confidence in diamond certification. Exclusive features of the Certificates are GCAL's 4C's Zero Tolerance Grading Guarantee, Direct Assessment Optical Light Performance Analysis, Gemprint® Security Registration for positive identification, the aforementioned ISO 17025 Laboratory Accreditation, and Multiple Actual Diamond Images. More information on www.DiamondID.com

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