



## NEWS RELEASE

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### HAMILTON JEWELERS ACHIEVES CERTIFICATION BY RESPONSIBLE JEWELLERY COUNCIL

LONDON - The Responsible Jewellery Council (RJC) announced today that Hamilton Jewelers, the US third generation fine jeweler, has achieved certification by meeting the highest ethical, social and environmental standards established by the RJC's Member Certification System.

"RJC warmly congratulates Hamilton Jewelers on its certification. The successful verification assessment was conducted by UL Responsible Sourcing (STRRS), one of the independent third-party auditing firms accredited to the RJC's Member Certification System," says Michael Rae, RJC's Chief Executive Officer.

Hank Siegel, Hamilton's President and CEO remarks, "As we begin to celebrate our centennial year in 2012, Hamilton is extremely proud of our certification by the RJC, and additionally honored to be among the first independent family-owned retailer to be certified. Our firm and my family have long embraced our ethical and social responsibilities to serve our communities and industry, and are deeply appreciative of the RJC's activities to promote such practices and extend them throughout the entire supply chain. We encourage all fine jewelry retailers, large and small, to consider RJC certification."

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#### About RJC

The Responsible Jewellery Council is an international not-for-profit organisation bringing together more 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)

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## **About Hamilton Jewelers**

Founded in 1912 and celebrating its centennial year, Hamilton serves clients in both the New Jersey and Palm Beach communities as well as a national and international clientele. Hamilton has been a longtime supporter of many important efforts to sustain social responsibility in its business as well as the fine jewelry industry. Including partnership with the Jewelers Vigilance Committee (JVC), Jewelers of America (JA), American Gem Society (AGS), and the Diamond Trading Company (DTC), Hamilton takes this commitment to the environment, human rights, and the planet seriously. The company also carefully monitors its carbon footprint. Through such measures as: energy efficient lighting and power in stores, printing media and collateral materials on FSC recycled paper, OSHA compliant waste disposal, and more, Hamilton continually improves environmental policies.

Hamilton is additionally recognized in the fine jewelry industry as a leader in employee training and education, having developed extensive in-house programs for the advancement and education of its employees. Hamilton Jewelers was an early adopter of The Kimberly Process and supports the United Nations' efforts to stop the sales of diamonds from any country where rebel forces use diamonds to finance acts of war and terror. Hamilton is also a member in good standing of The Fair Labor Association, (FLA), supporting the organization's mission to protect workers' rights and improve working conditions worldwide. More information about Hamilton can be found on the company's website:

<http://www.hamiltonjewelers.com>, where the **About Hamilton** section discusses the Company's efforts in the community and industry.

## **[RJC Certification Information – Hamilton Jewelers](#)**

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