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LEO SCHACHTER DIAMONDS LLC CERTIFIED BY THE RESPONSIBLE JEWELLERY COUNCIL

LONDON – The Responsible Jewellery Council (RJC) today announced that Leo Schachter Diamonds LLC, the US office of one of the world's leading manufacturers of polished diamonds, has achieved certification meeting the ethical, human rights, social and environmental standards as established by the RJC's Member Certification System.

"RJC is delighted to congratulate Leo Schachter Diamonds LLC on its certification. The successful verification assessment of Leo Schachter Diamonds LLC was conducted by Vidhi Aggarwal 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.

"As one of the largest sightholders and manufacturers of fine diamonds in the world, living up to the highest standard of industry compliance and supply chain integrity across our worldwide operations is not only critical to our success, but also crucial to the overall prosperity of the diamond industry. RJC certification of Leo Schachter Diamonds LLC is a significant step in demonstrating the high standards to which we hold our management and employees, and the values and principles upon which our future depends," says Elliot Tannenbaum, Senior Principal, Leo Schachter Diamonds.

Leo Schachter Diamonds (*Four generations. One Passion*.) distributes its fine diamonds and diamond jewellery products through traditional, multi-channel and online retailers in North and South America, Hong Kong, Mainland China, the UK, EEU countries, and the Middle East.

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About RJC

The Responsible Jewellery Council is an international not-for-profit organisation bringing together more than 340 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

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About Leo Schachter Diamonds LLC

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Founded in 1952, Leo Schachter Diamonds is one of the world's leading manufacturers of polished diamonds with factories and offices in 11 countries on five continents. A De Beers/DTC Sightholder since 1966 and an active participant in the Kimberley Process, the company's world-wide headquarters is located in Tel Aviv, Israel, employing more than 1,300 polishers in China, Botswana, India, Israel, Thailand and New York, and sales offices can be found in every major diamond center in the world. Over the past decade Leo Schachter has become renowned in the industry for strategically relevant, creatively unexpected diamond brands and marketing programs targeting latent consumer needs. These brands are distributed through leading retailers in the North and South America, UK, Hong Kong, Mainland China, and Mauritius. More information on <u>www.theleodiamond.com</u>

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