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LAZARE KAPLAN INTERNATIONAL INC. RE-CERTIFIED BY THE RESPONSIBLE JEWELLERY COUNCIL

LONDON - RJC announced today that Lazare Kaplan International Inc. (LKI), a New York-based diamond manufacturing company specialising in Ideal Cut, has achieved Re-Certification by meeting the highest ethical, social and environmental standards established by the RJC.

“RJC congratulates LKI on achieving Re-Certification who were first certified in September 2011. After a Member been RJC Certified for the first time, independent verification is required at the end of each certification period to ensure continued conformance and thereby maintain Certified Member status,” says Ashish Deo, RJC’s Chief Executive Officer.

The successful verification assessment was conducted by Alfonso J. Orellana from SGS one of the independent third-party auditing firms accredited by the RJC.

“LKI has consistently set and adhered to the highest ethical and professional standards in the industry. We are proud of our record of leadership in promoting ethical, social, and environmental accountability in today’s global diamond market place,” says Leon Tempelman, President, LKI.

“The RJC’s public confirmation of LKI commitment to the highest standards of business, social, and environmental best practice is truly gratifying. I congratulate my colleagues at our facilities worldwide for their dedication and continued commitment to a transparent, accountable, and responsible approach to business,” says Damian Gagnon, Corporate Compliance and Social Responsibility Officer, Inc.

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About RJC

The Responsible Jewellery Council is an international not-for-profit standards and certification organisation. It has more than 500 Member companies that span the jewellery supply chain from mine to retail. RJC Members commit to and are independently audited against the RJC Code of Practices – an international standard on responsible business practices for diamonds, gold and platinum group metals. The Code of Practices addresses human rights, labour rights, environmental impact, mining practices, product disclosure and many more important topics in the jewellery supply chain. RJC also works with multi-stakeholder initiatives on responsible sourcing and supply chain due diligence. The RJC’s Chain-of-Custody Certification for precious metals supports these initiatives and can be used as a tool to deliver broader Member and stakeholder benefit.

The RJC is a [Full Member of the ISEAL Alliance](#) – the global association for sustainability standards. For more information on RJC Members, Certification, and Standards please visit www.responsiblejewellery.com

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About About LKI

Founded in 1903, LKI has always had a commitment to excellence and being a leader in industry innovation. It was the first to brand a diamond and is dedicated to cutting each and every Lazare Diamond as beautifully as possible while maintaining the highest standards in the diamond industry. Lazare Kaplan International Inc. sells its diamonds and jewellery products through a worldwide distribution network. The company is noted for its ideal-cut diamonds, which it markets internationally under the brand name, The Lazare Diamond®. More information on www.lazarediamonds.com

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