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RJC ANNOUNCES NEW STRUCTURE AHEAD OF AGM IN INDIA

LONDON – At a meeting of the RJC's elected Board Members on 1 April 2015, a resolution was passed announcing the restructuring of the management team of the RJC.

The restructure will introduce the role of Executive Director (ED) in place of a CEO. This is in line with the practice elsewhere in many non-profit organisations. Long serving COO Catherine Sproule will work with the ED to provide valuable continuity to the RJC's global structure. The new management structure will also include a Standards Director as RJC re-builds its Standards team from recent turnover. The successful implementation of the revised Code of Practices, (COP) has allowed RJC to focus on increasing its membership both through the supply chain and by geography.

The recent appointment of an RJC Indian Manager further demonstrates RJC's 2013 commitment to this market recognizing it as a key player in the jewellery pipeline. As a result of this restructure, the CEO has left the organization.

The AGM of the RJC will be held in Mumbai on 13 April 2015 following a meeting of the RJC's Standards Committee. The program will also include a conference presented in partnership with the Bharat Diamond Bourse (BDB). The day's program will conclude with a dinner hosted by the Gem Jewellery Export Promotion Council (GJEPC), the Bharat Diamond Bourse (BDB) and the RJC followed by visits to Surat and the SEEPZ zone.

James Courage, RJC Chair or Charles Chaussepied, RJC Vice Chair will speak to these changes.

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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.

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