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RESPONSIBLE JEWELLERY COUNCIL CERTIFIES COLORMASTERS PRECIOUS JEWELRY

LONDON - The Responsible Jewellery Council (RJC) announced today that ColorMasters Precious Jewelry, the New York-based jewellery wholesaler and manufacturer, 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 ColorMasters Precious Jewelry 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.

"ColorMasters is proud to be a RJC certified member, in an industry that is leading the way in responsible sourcing. As a Wholesale Jewelry Manufacturing company, located in New York City, ColorMasters is proud to be at the forefront of responsible sourcing. Manufacturing all jewelry in NYC, allows ColorMasters a unique opportunity to work with our trusted suppliers, to source materials from areas and companies who meet the International human rights standards, and promote global sustainability. We aim to send a strong message to the jewelry industry, as well as our customers; that we are committed to sustainability, human rights, and ethical business practices. Our employees and customers can take pride in our ongoing work in these areas, and our recognition by the RJC for our efforts," says David Mardkha, CFO, ColorMasters Precious Jewelry.

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About RJC

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

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About ColorMasters Precious Jewelry

Established in 1981, ColorMasters began as a supplier of fine gemstones servicing the needs of fine jewelry manufacturers and retailers throughout the United States. Operations were expanded in the early 90's to include manufacturing so that the company could better serve its clientele. Having gained a reputation for outstanding quality and service within the trade, ColorMasters designed a long-term growth plan based on those values through which their success was built. ColorMasters is now a leader in the luxury market for high quality jewelry. ColorMasters currently occupies 20,000 square feet in midtown Manhattan and employs 100 staff and craftsman dedicated to development and manufacturing fine jewelry. Through vertical integration of all internal gemological and manufacturing processes, the company has been able to strengthen the exceptional quality and service standards to which it remains committed. ColorMasters now functions efficiently within a departmental structure that includes sales and customer service, product development, quality control, lapidary, jewelry, setting, polishing, casting, tool and dye, machining, and a state of the art CAD Design Dept. The ColorMasters quality commitment transcends to every facet of the organization, including gemological practices. Each area is led by trained, professional managers dedicated to achieving the standards of superior quality while maintaining a productive environment.

ColorMasters, a certified RJC member, will continue to be dedicated to the highest standards of quality and service, and continue on a path of strategic growth as a leader in the fine jewelry industry. More information on www.ColorMasters.com

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