



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **RESPONSIBLE JEWELLERY COUNCIL (RJC) ANNOUNCES PRESS CONFERENCE AND CHAIN OF CUSTODY SESSION AT VICENZAORO Winter 2012**

LONDON –The Responsible Jewellery Council (RJC) today announced a press conference and a Chain of Custody session to be held at the Vicenza Trade Show 'VICENZAORO Winter 2012' on Monday, 16 January, 2012. The press conference will start at 11am and the Chain of Custody session will follow immediately after at 12pm. Both events will take place in the conference room 'Sala Trissino'.

The 11am press conference will focus on the the Future of the Jewellery industry: Responsible Business Practices and the RJC Member Certification. Corrado Facco, General Manager, Fiera di Vicenza, will be introducing while addressing the event will be Nawal Ait-Hocine, Corporate Responsibility Director, Cartier International and Chair of RJC's Membership Committee; Luisa La Via, Corporate Social Responsibility and Internal Communication Executive Director, Bulgari, as RJC Certified Member and testimonial, and Catherine Sproule, Chief Operations Officer, RJC.

The RJC's standards programs include Member Certification against the Code of Practices, which is compulsory for RJC Members, and was launched in 2009; and a voluntary Chain-of-Custody Standard.

RJC is working with its Members and other stakeholders, including NGOs, to develop this Chain-of-Custody (CoC) standard to improve the transparency of the jewellery supply chain. The 12pm CoC session will provide an overview of the voluntary standard, key requirements, implementation and potential benefits. Opening the session will be Roberto Ditri, President, Fiera di Vicenza and Licia Mattioli, President of Confindustria Federorafi. Addressing the CoC roundtable will be Dr. Fiona Solomon, Director - Standards Development, RJC.

All Trade Media, RJC Members and exhibitors are invited and welcome to attend.

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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

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