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RJC CERTIFIES BIGBAG SRL

LONDON - RJC announced today that BIGBAG srl achieved Certification against the new 2013 Code of Practices (COP) at its manufacturing facility in Valenza. The new 2013 COP was released in November 2013.

"It is a pleasure to announce BIGBAG srl as the first Italian Member to be certified against the 2013 COP. The new provisions under the 2013 COP address important issues for our Members and their supply chain. We are most pleased to see Members achieving these early Certifications against the new standard and warmly congratulate BIGBAG srl," says Ashish Deo, RJC's Chief Executive Officer.

The successful verification assessment was led by Simone Olmo from Bureau Veritas Italia, one of the independent third-party auditing firms accredited by the RJC.

"BIGBAG is proud to have achieved the RJC certification. This accomplishment confirms our company's commitment to responsible and ethical business practices. Our core value is to drive our business in a sustainable and responsible way to deliver quality client services," says Paola Bicciato, CEO, BIGBAG srl.

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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 <u>Full Member of the ISEAL Alliance</u> – the global association for sustainability standards. For more information on RJC Members, Certification, and Standards please visit <u>www.responsiblejewellery.com</u>

About BIGBAG srl

BIGBAG was founded 42 years ago in Valenza (Italy). It is now a company specialised in the production of jewels for international jewellery brands, able to support clients from the drawing of the jewels to their production in conformity

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with the technical and quality specifications of the clients. For more information about BIGBAG srl you can visit www.bigbaggioielli.it

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