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RJC CERTIFIES The De Beers Group of Companies

LONDON - RJC announced today that The De Beers Group of Companies ("De Beers") has achieved Certification against the 2013 Code of Practices (COP). The 2013 COP was released in November 2013.

"It is a pleasure to announce De Beers has been certified against the 2013 COP. The new provisions under the 2013 COP address important issues for our Members and their supply chain. We are thrilled to see Members achieving Certification against the standard and warmly congratulate De Beers," says Andrew Bone, RJC's Executive Director.

The successful verification assessment was led by Becky Toal from SGS United Kingdom Limited, one of the independent third-party auditing firms accredited by the RJC.

"Operating sustainably and responsibly sits at the heart of De Beers' business strategy and we are therefore pleased to receive confirmation that we measure up to the exacting requirements of credible and external standards like the RJC's. De Beers remains committed to supporting industry-wide initiatives like the RJC Certification System that reinforce stakeholder and consumer confidence in the diamond industry," says Purvi Shah, Product Integrity Manager, De Beers Group.

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About RJC

The Responsible Jewellery Council is an international not-for-profit standards and certification organisation. It has more than 600 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 The De Beers Group of Companies

De Beers is a member of the Anglo American plc group. Established in 1888, De Beers is the world's leading diamond company with unrivalled expertise in the exploration, mining and marketing of diamonds. Together with its joint venture partners, De Beers employs more than 20,000 people across the diamond pipeline, and is the world's largest diamond producer by value, with mining operations in Botswana, Canada, Namibia and South Africa. As part of the company's operating philosophy, the people of De Beers are committed to *Living up to Diamonds* by making a lasting contribution to the communities in which they live and work, and transforming natural resources into shared national wealth. For further information about De Beers visit www.debeersgroup.com.

Element Six and Morupule coal mine are excluded from the certification scope as they do not contribute to the diamond jewellery supply chain.

De Beers Diamond Jewellers are separately Certified Members of the RJC.

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