

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## RESPONSIBLE JEWELLERY COUNCIL CERTIFIES GEMOLOGICAL SCIENCE INTERNATIONAL

LONDON - The Responsible Jewellery Council (RJC) announced today that Gemological Science International (GSI), a leading international gem laboratory, has achieved certification by meeting the highest ethical, social and environmental standards established by the RJC's Member Certification system.

"RJC warmly congratulates GSI on its certification. The verification assessment was conducted by UL Responsible Sourcing, one of the independent third-party auditing firms accredited to the RJC's Member Certification system," says Michael Rae, RJC's Chief Executive Officer.

"GSI is very proud to join RJC certified members that includes leaders of the jewelry industry all over the world. Our goals as a gemological laboratory are very much aligned with the mission of the RJC: to reinforce consumer and stakeholder confidence in jewelry products, and to protect the reputation and integrity of the jewelry industry. Integrity is one of the main building blocks of our organization's foundation. To GSI this means a focus on ethical behavior, involvement in the industry, reputation, and transparency," says Mark Gershburg, Founder and CEO of GSI.

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## **About RJC**

The Responsible Jewellery Council is an international not-for-profit organisation bringing together more than 380 member companies. RJC and its Members are 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. This commitment aims to reinforce consumer and stakeholder confidence in diamond, gold and platinum metals jewellery products. The RJC has developed the RJC Member Certification system which applies to all Members' businesses that contribute to the diamond, gold and platinum metals jewellery supply chain. All Certified Members of the RJC are audited by accredited, third party auditors to verify their conformance with the RJC's Code of Practices. A voluntary Chain-of-Custody Standard has also been developed for gold and platinum group metals. 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 <a href="https://www.responsiblejewellery.com">www.responsiblejewellery.com</a>

## **About GSI**

GSI is a full-service international gemological laboratory, one of the three largest in the US with 6 offices in USA, India, Israel and Belgium. Its clients are large manufacturers, major jewelry chains, department stores, and online jewelers. It is headquartered in New York City's Diamond District at 581 Fifth Avenue and has offices in Mumbai, India, Ramat Gan, Israel, and Antwerp, Belgium. Visit <a href="www.gemscience.net">www.gemscience.net</a> or contact Debbie Azar, Executive Vice President, at 212-207-4140, Ext. 202 or <a href="majority-debbie@gemscience.net">debbie@gemscience.net</a>.

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