



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **GIA IS CERTIFIED BY THE RESPONSIBLE JEWELLERY COUNCIL** *First laboratory to achieve this goal*

LONDON - The Responsible Jewellery Council (RJC) announced today that GIA (Gemological Institute of America), an international authority on diamonds, has achieved certification meeting the ethical, human rights, social and environmental standards as established by the RJC's Member Certification System.

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

"The RJC certification epitomizes GIA's 80-year legacy of establishing and maintaining industry standards worldwide," says Donna Baker, president and CEO of GIA. "Both the RJC and GIA share the commitment to safeguarding the public trust in gems and jewelry—GIA through laboratory services, education programs, research developments and disclosure; and the RJC in supporting standards of conduct that include human rights, social responsibility and environmental performance."

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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](http://www.responsiblejewellery.com)

#### **About GIA**

An independent non profit organization, GIA (Gemological Institute of America), established in 1931, is recognized as the world's foremost authority in gemology. GIA invented the famous 4Cs of Color, Cut, Clarity and Carat Weight in the early

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1950s and in 1953, created the International Diamond Grading System™ which, today, is recognized by virtually every professional jeweler in the world.

Through research, education, gemological laboratory services, and instrument development, the Institute is dedicated to ensuring the public trust in gems and jewelry by upholding the highest standards of integrity, academics, science, and professionalism. Visit [www.gia.edu](http://www.gia.edu)

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