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RESPONSIBLE JEWELLERY COUNCIL CERTIFIES JEWELEX EUROPE NV

LONDON - The Responsible Jewellery Council (RJC) announced today that Jewelex Europe NV has achieved certification by meeting the highest ethical, social and environmental standards established by the RJC's Member Certification system.

"RJC warmly congratulates Jewelex Europe NV on its certification. The successful verification assessment was conducted by Ann Van Vlaenderen from WF&Co., one of the independent third-party auditing firms accredited to the RJC's Member Certification system," says Michael Rae, RJC's Chief Executive Officer.

"I thank the Responsible Jewellery Council for this initiative in setting an ethical and transparent business standard. Being RJC certified is very much in line with our company's core values and helps us in being recognized as a company strongly committed to responsible business practices," says Virat Jogani, Sales Director, Jewelex Europe NV.

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About RJC

The Responsible Jewellery Council is an international not-for-profit organisation bringing together more than 370 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 <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 Jewelex Europe NV

Established in 1966, as P D Kothari & CO, Jewelex Europe NV has diversified itself as one of the most creative and innovative jewellery companies today. With state of the art manufacturing facilities in India, Jewelex Europe NV thrives on products from cutting edge technology combined with top class service, making our jewellery brand comparable with the best in the world. Our vision is to develop a vertically integrated global organisation, from diamonds to jewellery, by maximising efficiencies and competitiveness through high-tech manufacturing facilities & systems. Our mission is to provide outstanding customer satisfaction through uncompromising quality & unwavering integrity. Dream it. Do it.

RJC Certification Information – Jewelex Europe NV

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