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RESPONSIBLE JEWELLERY COUNCIL CERTIFIES R KANTILAL & CO

LONDON - The Responsible Jewellery Council (RJC) announced today that R Kantilal & Co, the diamond manufacturer based in Mumbai, has achieved certification by meeting the highest ethical, social and environmental standards established by the RJC's Member Certification system.

"RJC warmly congratulates R Kantilal & Co on its certification. The successful verification assessment was conducted by Manish Doshi from SGS, one of the independent third-party auditing firms accredited to the RJC's Member Certification system," says Michael Rae, RJC's Chief Executive Officer.

"Ever since 1965, when Mr. Suresh Kothari set up his business in Mumbai, we have been driven by our strong values inculcated by him. Our objective is to transmit these values as well as our skills to future generations. Today, being an RJC certified member confirms that our convictions are in line with those of the RJC and acknowledges one of our main values - always strive to be a good corporate enterprise, one that is socially aware, responsible and open to the world," says Ankit Kothari, Partner, R. Kantilal & Company.

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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</u> <u>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 R Kantilal & Co

R. Kantilal & Company, established in the year 1965, is a BEM Certified company in the trade, export and import of rough and polished diamonds. It is a close-knit family business of Mr. Suresh Kothari, his sons Pratik and Parag and grandson Ankit Kothari. Diamonds are sourced primarily from BHP Biliton Diamonds, USO of Alrosa, Russia, as well as the open market. The company's field of expertise lies in high quality manufacturing of rough diamonds and trading of polished diamonds. We are known for our specialization in the larger size goods. Our stock is as consistent as it is varied in sizes ranging from 10 pts to 3 carats in wide quality, colours and shapes. For further information, please visit <u>www.rkantilal.com</u>

RJC Certification Information – R Kantilal & Co

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