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DUBAI DIAMANTAIRE, ASIAN STAR DMCC ACHIEVES RJC CERTIFICATION

LONDON - RJC announced today that Asian Star DMCC has achieved Certification against the 2013 Code of Practices (COP) at its trading facility in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

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

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

"Asian Star DMCC is delighted to have achieved the RJC Certification as it provides us with a framework to continuously improve our business practices. We share RJC's vision of promoting a responsible world-wide supply chain and strongly believe in setting high quality standards to drive our business in a sustainable and responsible manner," says Dharmesh Shah, Director of Asian Star DMCC.

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About RJC

The Responsible Jewellery Council is an international not-for-profit standards and certification organisation. It has more than 700 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 <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 Asian Star DMCC

Asian Star DMCC, founded in 2008, is a subsidiary of Asian Star Co. Ltd - a leading diamond manufacturer headquartered in India. Located in Dubai, the fastest growing trading hub of the diamond industry, the company is involved in global sourcing and trading of rough and polished diamonds for the parent company.

For further information, please visit www.asianstargroup.com

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