

# **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **RJC RE-CERTIFIES ELEGANT COLLECTION**

LONDON - RJC announced today that Elegant Collection has achieved Certification against the 2013 Code of Practices (COP) at its jewellery manufacturing facility in SEEPZ, Mumbai. The 2013 COP was released in November 2013.

"It is a pleasure to announce Elegant Collection has been certified against the 2013 COP. The new 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 Elegant Collection," says Andrew Bone, RJC's Executive Director.

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

"Elegant Collection is proud to have achieved RJC Re-Certification. This certification confirms our continued commitment to our core values of highest standards of business ethics, social responsibility and environment care. The RJC Certification re-establishes our principles with regard to integrity, transparency and our commitment to advance these values amongst the business community. The global jewellery industry continues to face new challenges regarding the sourcing of material, human rights and environment and the industry needs to follow best practices to be able to build consumer confidence," said Satish Joshi, Partner, Elegant Collection. "RJC Certification is like a benchmark that will help generate this consumer confidence. Our employees take pride and our customers are very happy with our ongoing efforts in this area and our recognition by RJC. The commitment to best practices and standards and the transparency that is required for the RJC Certification provide us and our fellow members with the recognition and assurance that we can work together for the future benefit of the industry as a whole."

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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

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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 Elegant Collection**

Elegant Collection is the Jewellery Manufacturing arm of Jasani Group, who are sightholders of both DTC and Alrosa. Elegant Collection, established in 1988, is a large manufacturer in SEEPZ Mumbai and is known for Bridal jewellery, strong product development and highest standards of quality. Elegant Collection's commitment to quality, integrity and best practices in business is reflected in their having achieved various certifications such as ISO 9001:2008, ISO 14001:2004, OHSAS 18001:2007, 'Green Factory Building' certification by IGBC and Best Employer 2010-11 by the SEEPZ-SEZ administration, Government of India. For more information, please visit <a href="https://www.elegantcoll.com">www.elegantcoll.com</a>

**RJC Certification Information – Elegant Collection** 

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