

# **NEWS RELEASE**

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#### RJC RE-CERTIFIES HYDE PARK JEWELERS

LONDON - RJC announced today that Hyde Park Jewelers has achieved Certification against the 2013 Code of Practices (COP) at its retail outlets in the United States.

"It is a pleasure to announce Hyde Park Jewelers 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 Hyde Park Jewelers," says Andrew Bone, RJC's Executive Director.

The successful verification assessment was led by UL Responsible Sourcing, one of the independent third-party auditing firms accredited by the RJC.

"At Hyde Park, our goal is to be the world's most respected jeweler—respected for our wide selection of designer jewelry and fine timepieces, the beauty and quality of our in-house designs, the excellence of our customer service and for our commitment to ethical and sustainable business practices. Therefore, we are very proud to have renewed our RJC Certification for a further period of three years. Our position as a leader in the luxury jewelry retail market provides us both the opportunity and the responsibility to set an example for the industry and conduct our business in a manner that is consistent with our core beliefs—protection of the environment, respect for human rights and support for the communities in which we do business. Most critically, we believe our commitment in all these areas is not only the right thing to do; it is the smart thing to do and a critical component of our continuing success," says Michael Pollak, CEO at Hyde Park Jewelers.

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## About RJC

The Responsible Jewellery Council is an international not-for-profit standards and certification organisation. It has more than 800 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.

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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 Hyde Park Jewelers**

About Hyde Park - Headquartered in Denver, CO with locations in Phoenix, AZ, Newport Beach, CA and Las Vegas, NV. Hyde Park Jewelers was founded in 1976 and continually positions itself as one of the top 10 independent jewelers in the nation. Award winning designs and distinctive styles has made Hyde Park Jewelers a widely respected lifestyle jeweler, known for providing exclusive and unique styles for the discriminating customer. For more information, visit <a href="https://www.hpjewels.com">www.hpjewels.com</a>

**RJC Certification Information – Hyde Park Jewelers** 

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