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RIC RE-CERTIFIES CHICAGO-BASED IGC BRAND SERVICES

LONDON - RJC announced today that IGC Brand Services LLC has achieved Certification against the 2013 Code of Practices (COP) at its trading facility in Chicago, IL.

"It is a pleasure to announce IGC Brand Services LLC 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 IGC Brand Services LLC," says Andrew Bone, RJC's Executive Director.

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

"We believe the integrity of the diamond and jewelry industry is dependent on the very principles championed by organizations such as the Responsible Jewellery Council. We are committed to do our part. Promoting ethical and socially responsible business practices is a fundamental and core value of our business. We learned a tremendous amount during this RJC Re-Certification. Anyone wishing to see how quickly this industry is changing need look no further than current RJC Certification standards and how much they have evolved in 3 years," says Chris LaTrobe, Director IGC Brand Services LLC.

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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 IGC Brand Services LLC

IGC Brand Services LLC is a member of the IGC Group, a DTC Sightholder based in Antwerp, Belgium, known since 1912 for its finest diamond makes. IGC Brand Services based in Chicago manufactures & distributes branded diamond & color gem stone jewelry collections to jewelers in the USA, Canada & Japan. The company has pioneered the use of environmentally sensitive in-store retail kiosks supported by mobile technology that gives consumers direct access to always current diamond inventories & jewelry collections. Visitors to an IGC Brands authorized jeweler are now able to physically examine & share diamonds & jewelry as if the piece were under a microscope in front of them. With this system jeweler's on-hand inventories have been reduced & paper price books & brochures eliminated from the supply pipeline. In 2013 Laurence Bruyninckx was appointed head of jewelry design & since then has won multiple design awards with the Platinum Guild, AGTA & the Woman's Jewelry Association. To learn more about the company, please visit www.igcbrands.com. Information on its jewelry collections can be found at www.naledicollection.com www.lx-antwerp.com

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