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RJC CERTIFIES MAHENDRA BROTHERS

LONDON - RJC announced today that Mahendra Brothers Exports Pvt Ltd (Mahendra Brothers) has achieved Certification against the 2013 Code of Practices (COP) at its facilities in Mumbai, Navsari and New Delhi, India.

"It is a pleasure to announce Mahendra Brothers 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 Mahendra Brothers," says Andrew Bone, RJC's Executive Director.

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

"Mahendra Brothers takes pride in achieving RJC certification. Ethical business practices are at the top of our founding core values and this accomplishment further confirms our commitment in this regard. We will continue to grow our business responsibly and ethically and deliver value to our clients globally based on our core values," says Milan Parikh, Director, Mahendra Brothers.

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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 Mahendra Brothers

Mahendra Brothers was established in 1960. Today, it is one of the leading manufacturers of wide varieties of polish diamonds and markets these diamonds globally. To know more about Mahendra Brothers please visit www.mahendrabrothers.com

RJC Certification Information – Mahendra Brothers Exports Pvt Ltd

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