

NEWS RELEASE

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RJC CERTIFIES NATIONAL CHAIN COMPANY

LONDON - RJC announced today that National Chain Company has achieved Certification against the 2013 Code of Practices (COP) at its manufacturing facilities in Rhode Island, USA and Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

"It is a pleasure to announce National Chain Company 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 National Chain Company," says Andrew Bone, RJC's Executive Director.

The successful verification assessment was led by Miriam Rodriquez from SCS Global Services, one of the independent third-party auditing firms accredited by the RJC.

"National Chain Company is proud to have earned the high distinction of RJC Certification, the pinnacle of industry standards. We are committed to upholding and maintaining responsible and ethical business practices. With our extensive, diversified product line and state of the art technology, we are looking forward to a promising future as an exemplary leader and prime source in the industry," says Steven Cipolla, President and CEO.

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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.

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 National Chain Company

National Chain Company is based in Warwick, Rhode Island, USA and has all RJC Certified locations, in both New England and in the Dominican Republic. We have a combined total of over 250,000 square feet of manufacturing space and over 1,000 employees worldwide.

Our product divisions include National Chain, National Chain of Santo Domingo, Wiesner Manufacturing, Volk Manufacturing, Standard Chain, James A. Murphy and Son, Apogee Precision Parts, National Fabricated Products and Colorado Castings. National Chain has also been featured in the History Channel's "Modern Marvels" Program as well as in the Discovery Channel's "How It's Made" Program.

RJC Certification Information – National Chain Company

RJC Certified Members