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IGI – NORTH & SOUTH AMERICA – RE-CERTIFIED BY THE RESPONSIBLE JEWELLERY COUNCIL

LONDON - The Responsible Jewellery Council (RJC) announced today that the International Gemological Institute (IGI) - North & South America, the well known independent laboratory for testing, grading and evaluating gemstones and fine jewellery, has achieved re-certification by meeting the ethical, social and environmental standards established by the RJC's Member Certification System.

"RJC congratulates the International Gemological Institute on achieving re-certification. After a Member has become RJC Certified for the first time, independent verification is required at the end of each certification period to ensure continued conformance and to maintain Certified Member status. The successful verification assessment was conducted by UL Responsible Sourcing, one of the independent third-party auditing firms accredited to the RJC's Member Certification system," says Michael Rae, RJC's Chief Executive Officer.

"As a proud RJC Member, IGI is pleased to have achieved re-certification, as we believe this recognition is imperative. We are focused on continuing to align our values with that of the Council's, including its central aim to provide accurate and reliable product information to consumers. We look forward to continuing to work with the RJC to advance the industry through upholding ethical practices and strengthening gemmological education initiatives," said IGI President and CEO Jerry Ehrenwald, GG; ASA.

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About RJC

The Responsible Jewellery Council is an international not-for-profit organisation bringing together more than 415 members. RJC and its Members are committed to promoting responsible ethical, human rights, social and environmental practices in a transparent and accountable manner throughout the jewellery industry from mine to retail. This commitment aims to reinforce consumer and stakeholder confidence in diamond, gold and platinum metals jewellery products. The RJC has developed the RJC Member Certification system which applies to all Members' businesses that contribute to the diamond, gold and platinum metals jewellery supply chain. All Certified Members of the RJC are audited by accredited, third party auditors to verify their conformance with the RJC's Code of Practices. A voluntary Chain-of-Custody Standard has also been developed for gold and platinum group metals. The RJC is a [Full Member of the ISEAL Alliance](#) – the global association for sustainability standards. For more information on RJC Members, Certification, and Standards please visit www.responsiblejewellery.com

About IGI - North & South America

IGI – North & South America's New York headquarters and Los Angeles and Canadian laboratories have been certified by the Responsible Jewellery Council. IGI began in Antwerp in 1975 and is currently the largest independent gemstone and fine jewelry certification institute in the world with offices in Antwerp, New York, Hong Kong, Bombay, Bangkok, Tokyo, Dubai, Tel Aviv, Cavelese, Toronto, Los Angeles, Kolkata, New Delhi, Thrissur, Ahmedabad, Surat, Chennai and Shanghai.

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IGI provides objective and accurate grading, identification, and appraisal reports of gemstones and fine jewelry, as well as offers gemmological educational courses. IGI's worldwide organization consists of graduate gemmologists and accredited gem and jewelry appraisers. For more information, please visit www.igiworldwide.com or www.igionline.com.

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