

# **NEWS RELEASE**

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#### RESPONSIBLE JEWELLERY COUNCIL CERTIFIES DIAMSTONES BVBA

LONDON - The Responsible Jewellery Council (RJC) announced today that Diamstones BVBA, the Antwerp - based diamond trader, has achieved certification by meeting the highest ethical, social and environmental standards established by the RJC's Member Certification system.

"RJC warmly congratulates Diamstones BVBA on its certification. The successful verification assessment was conducted by Stefaan Beirens from WF &Co., one of the independent third-party auditing firms accredited to the RJC's Member Certification system," says Michael Rae, RJC's Chief Executive Officer.

"Diamstones is proud to be a member of the RJC, because it shares our commitment to corporate social responsibility and transparency in our business dealings and our values and ethics in day to day management of our business," says Rajiv Kothari, Director of Diamstones BVBA.

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### **About RJC**

The Responsible Jewellery Council is an international not-for-profit organisation bringing together more than 420 member companies. 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 <a href="https://www.responsiblejewellery.com">www.responsiblejewellery.com</a>

#### **About Diamstones BVBA**

Founded in 1990 in Antwerp-Belgium, Diamstones is a fully integrated company, from rough sourcing, manufacturing to jewellery marketing with an international client base, built on a platform of "service and integrity".

**RJC Certification Information Diamstones BVBA** 

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