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## **GEMMATA NV – RE-CERTIFIED BY THE RESPONSIBLE JEWELLERY COUNCIL**

LONDON - The Responsible Jewellery Council (RJC) announced today that Gemmata NV, the Antwerpbased diamond trader, has achieved re-certification by meeting the highest ethical, social and environmental standards established by the RJC's Member Certification System.

"RJC congratulates Gemmata NV 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 Ann Van Vlaenderen 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.

"It was not an easy task for a relatively small business such as ours to achieve RJC certification, but we are very pleased to be re-certified by the Responsible Jewellery Council. Every day, we try to make a difference by improving the positive economic, ecological and social impact of our businesses. The RJC certification helped us to take a step back and look at our own companies from a different view point and question every aspect of our business. This helped our companies to grow, and we know we are now ready for the future," says Jan Leemans Chief Executive of Gemmata NV.

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## About RJC

The Responsible Jewellery Council is an international not-for-profit organisation bringing together more than 440 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 <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 Gemmata NV

Gemmata's main focus is industrial diamonds. Its extensive industrial assortment includes cubes, dies, dressers, flat shapes, flats, longs, maccles, round shapes, sawn 2p and sawn 4p. Gemmata has been very well positioned worldwide for many years now. Today, its core focus is the Chinese market, where it is continuously expanding its activities. The main Chinese office, Hewei Diamond Trading Company in Shanghai, runs a jewellery factory in Panyu and a wholesale jewellery store in Shenzhen. Gemmata's jewellery brand, Casa Gi, stands for luxury and quality. It manufactures 18 carat golden deluxe jewellery, set with diamonds of the highest quality, sometimes in combination with other materials, but always with a touch of imagination.

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