

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## KARP IMPEX NV - RE-CERTIFIED BY THE RJC

LONDON - RJC announced today that Karp Impex NV, the Belgian diamond trader, has achieved Re-Certification by meeting the highest ethical, social and environmental standards established by the RJC.

"RJC congratulates Karp Impex NV on achieving Re-Certification. Karp Impex NV was first certified in 2011. 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 thereby maintain Certified Member status," says Ashish Deo, RJC's Chief Executive Officer.

The successful verification assessment was conducted by Roshini Wickramasinghe from SGS, one of the independent third-party auditing firms accredited by the RJC.

"Karp Impex NV, is proud to have achieved the RJC Re-Certification. This accomplishment confirms our company commitment to responsible and ethical business practices, which we are promoting to our supply chain partners. Our core value is to drive our business individually and collectively in a sustainable and responsible way to deliver quality client services," says Pankaj Virani, Managing Director of Karp Impex NV.

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### **About RJC**

The Responsible Jewellery Council is an international not-for-profit standards and certification organisation. It has more than 500 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 Karp Impex NV

Karp Impex NV is a part of the Karp Group. Karp Impex NV has been Re-Certified by the RJC. The Karp Group is a well-established manufacturer / exporter of polished diamonds and exquisitely designed jewellery. Our international presence with offices in India, Hong Kong, and Antwerp has helped us to reach out to customers all over the globe. More information on <a href="https://www.karpgroup.com">www.karpgroup.com</a>

**RJC Certification Information – Karp Impex NV** 

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