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S.V. GEMS N.V. – RE-CERTIFIED BY THE RJC

LONDON - RJC announced today that S.V. Gems N.V., the Belgian diamond trader, has achieved Re-Certification by meeting the highest ethical, social and environmental standards established by the RJC.

"RJC congratulates S.V. Gems N.V. on achieving Re-Certification. S.V. Gems N.V. became successfully certified originally in October 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 Stefaan Beirens from Figurad Bedrijfsrevisoren, one of the independent third-party auditing firms accredited by the RJC.

Commenting on this achievement, the management from S.V. Gems N. V. said: "This Re-Certification is a great achievement in its continuous endeavor to follow international business practices and further enhance the credibility of S.V. Gems in the International gems and jewellery market."

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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 S. V. Gems N.V.

S.V. Gems N.V. incorporated in 1997, is a subsidiary of S. Vinodkumar International (SV Group), dealing in both Rough and Polished Diamonds. The company based in Antwerp, Belgium is responsible for the rough diamond sourcing activities of the SV Group. It sources rough diamonds from major mining companies and an established buyer of rough from the secondary market.

RJC Certification Information – S.V. Gems N.V.

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