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RESPONSIBLE JEWELLERY COUNCIL CERTIFIES GEM LAB SERVICES

LONDON - The Responsible Jewellery Council (RJC) announced today that Gem Lab Services, the Antwerp - based service industries member, has achieved certification by meeting the highest ethical, social and environmental standards established by the RJC's Member Certification system.

"RJC warmly congratulates Gem Lab Services on its certification. The successful verification assessment was conducted by Stefaan Beirens from Figurad Bedrijfsrevisoren, one of the independent third-party auditing firms accredited to the RJC's Member Certification system," says Catherine Sproule, RJC's Chief Executive Officer - Interim.

"Gem Lab is proud to have achieved RJC certification. Gem Lab, part of the Malca-Amit Group of Companies, is built on solid foundations of reliability, transparency and responsibility – the very principles and values that RJC stands for. RJC certification reinforces Gem Lab's commitment and focus in providing its customers a superior service experience along with absolute peace of mind," says Boaz Lev, General Manager of Gem Lab Services.

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About RJC

The Responsible Jewellery Council is an international not-for-profit standards and certification organisation. It has more than 460 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 Gem Lab Services

Gem Lab is a GIA LabDirect Consolidator operating a full service window in Antwerp. As an authorized GIA LabDirect Program participant, Gem Lab provides easy, seamless and convenient access for clients looking to submit diamonds and precious stones for grading at GIA laboratories around the world. From the moment a precious stone is entrusted to our expert care, customer is guaranteed peace of mind throughout the process. Gem Lab handles all logistical procedures

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required for transporting the goods, as well as communicating directly with the grading lab. Gem Lab is your local drop-off and pick-up window, facilitates a speedy and secure service, tailored to your needs and timetable.

More information at: www.gemlab.be

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