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RESPONSIBLE JEWELLERY COUNCIL CERTIFIES MALAY GEMS BVBA

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

"RJC warmly congratulates Malay Gems 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.

"I am pleased to have completed the process and be awarded RJC Member certification. It is a crucial step in demonstrating Malay Gems' commitment to responsible social and ethical practices. As the industry changes and adopts greater levels of accountability, it is important to adapt. To this end, I welcome the opportunity to certify our values to our suppliers and clients," says Malay Kothari, CEO of Malay Gems BVBA.

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About RJC

The Responsible Jewellery Council is an international not-for-profit organisation bringing together more than 400 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 Malay Gems BVBA

Founded in 1989 by Malay Kothari, Malay Gems BVBA is an independent, stand-alone diamond trader. The company specializes in the trading of rough and polished diamonds and has grown into a considerable and well-respected diamond trading organization. Malay Gems is based in Antwerp, and is known for its dedication to sourcing rough tailored to the needs of its clients.

RJC Certification Information – Malay Gems BVBA

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