

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## KARP IMPEX NV CERTIFIED BY THE RESPONSIBLE JEWELLERY COUNCIL

LONDON - The Responsible Jewellery Council (RJC) announced today that Karp Impex NV, the Antwerp-based diamond cutting and polishing manufacturer, has achieved certification meeting the ethical, human rights, social and environmental standards as established by the RJC's Member Certification System.

"RJC is indeed delighted to congratulate Karp Impex NV on its certification. The successful verification assessment was conducted by Peter Warbrick from SGS, one of the independent third-party auditing firms accredited to the RJC's Member Certification System," says Michael Rae, RJC's Chief Executive Officer.

"Karp Impex NV is delighted to receive this honour of being certified to the RJC standard. This certification is an important step in our journey to be a responsible member of the international Gem & Jewellery community with total commitment to following the ethical, social and environmental practices as laid down by the standard. We take this opportunity to thank all our customers and stakeholders whose invaluable support has helped us to grow our business and reiterate our commitment to serving them to the best of our ability," says Pankaj Virani, Director of Karp Impex NV.

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## **About RJC**

The Responsible Jewellery Council is an international not-for-profit organisation bringing together more than 350 member companies 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. Their commitment aims to reinforce consumer and stakeholder confidence in diamond, gold and platinum group metals jewellery products. The Council has developed the RJC Member Certification System, a certification system, which will apply to all Members' businesses that contribute to the diamond, gold and platinum group metals jewellery supply chain. All Commercial Members of the RJC are required to be audited by accredited, third-party auditors to verify their conformance with the RJC's Code of Practices and become certified under the RJC Member Certification System. A full list of its Members can be found on the web at <a href="https://www.responsiblejewellery.com">www.responsiblejewellery.com</a>

## **About Karp Impex NV**

Karp Impex NV is a part of the Karp Group. Karp Impex NV has been certified by the Responsible Jewellery Council.

www.responsiblejewellery.com

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>

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