

## **NEWS RELEASE**

Embargoed until 12 December 2011

## MISHAL NV CERTIFIED BY THE RESPONSIBLE JEWELLERY COUNCIL

LONDON - The Responsible Jewellery Council (RJC) announced today that Mishal 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 Mishal NV on its certification. The successful verification assessment was conducted by Ann Van Vlaenderen 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.

"We are extremely happy to achieve this important certification of RJC. While going through the certification process we saw that other than documenting the policies and doing the groundwork, we were not doing anything new, as our business model was in perfect alignment with the requirements of certification. This certification confirms our adherence as well as commitment to the best business principles and ethics, which we always have been striving to follow," says Ramesh Patel, Managing Director, Mishal NV.

For further information please contact: Mila Bonini, Communications Manager, Responsible Jewellery Council Telephone +39 02 48002801, Mobile +39 334 5488723, <u>Mila.bonini@responsiblejewellery.com</u>

## 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 www.responsiblejewellery.com

## **About Mishal NV**

Mishal N.V. is a well established company based in Antwerp dealing in rough diamonds and manufacturing high quality "Chinese Make" polished diamonds in small sizes. More information on <u>www.mishal.be</u>

RJC Certified Members Mishal NV

###

www.responsiblejewellery.com

The Responsible Jewellery Council is the trading name of the Council for Responsible Jewellery Practices Ltd. The Council for Responsible Jewellery Practices Ltd, First Floor, Dudley House, 34-38 Southampton Street, London, UK, WC2E 7HF. The Council for Responsible Jewellery Practices Ltd is registered in England and Wales with company number 05449042.