

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## RESPONSIBLE JEWELLERY COUNCIL CERTIFIES PARAS GEMS N.V

LONDON - The Responsible Jewellery Council (RJC) announced today that Paras Gems N.V, the diamond manufacturing company based in Antwerp, has achieved certification by meeting the highest ethical, social and environmental standards established by the RJC's Member Certification system.

"RJC warmly congratulates Paras Gems N.V 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.

"We at Paras Gems N.V are proud to achieve RJC certification for the next 3 years. As the industry becomes more transparent and globalized, universal norms and standards become very important. We felt RJC demonstrates the best global effort to establish such industry wide understandings. As we shared the same values, we have endorsed our support to RJC by becoming certified members. We feel this will articulate our values and commitment to customers on a global scale", says Shreyash Shah, Director of Paras Gems N.V.

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## **About RJC**

The Responsible Jewellery Council is an international not-for-profit organisation bringing together more than 360 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 Paras Gems N.V**

Established in 1983 in Antwerp, Belgium by Shreyash Shah, Paras Gems deals in both rough and polished diamonds. Manufacturers and traders of diamonds, has access to key markets around the world through affiliated offices.

**RJC Certification Information - Paras Gems N.V** 

**RJC Certified Members** 

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