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AMC NV CERTIFIED BY THE RESPONSIBLE JEWELLERY COUNCIL

LONDON – The Responsible Jewellery Council (RJC) today announced that AMC NV, the Antwerpbased diamond manufacturer, has achieved certification meeting the ethical, human rights, social and environmental standards as established by the RJC's Member Certification System.

"RJC warmly congratulates AMC NV on its certification. The successful verification assessment of AMC NV headquarters in Antwerp 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.

"AMC is deeply committed to upholding only the very highest of ethical standards, and we are honored that our efforts in this area have been formally recognised through the award of RJC's certification. We believe that this recognition marks merely the beginning of a journey, for AMC will continually strive to improve the livelihood and wellbeing of our diamond communities whilst at the same time maintaining the quality of the environment from which we seek nature's most precious gift, the diamond," says Lionel Mai, Director AMC NV.

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About RJC

The Responsible Jewellery Council is an international not-for-profit organisation bringing together more than 320 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 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 <u>www.responsiblejewellery.com</u>

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About AMC NV

Headquartered in Antwerp since 1988, AMC is a manufacturer of a range of quality diamonds. AMC NV's headquarters in Antwerp has been certified by the Responsible Jewellery Council.

A DTC Sightholder, AMC guarantees customers a tightly controlled, regular supply of the finest diamonds, delivered with maximum efficiency through a highly organised chain of offices in all the major diamond centres. Whilst AMC is a strong global company with technologically sophisticated factories in Belgium, Namibia, South Africa and China, it prides itself on an ability to understand the individual needs of customers, always working in partnership and supplying diamonds alongside a series of bespoke and personalised services, each carefully designed to maximise long term benefit. AMC's approach to partnership extends to its own team through the creation of a powerful CSR programme that provides educational support and career prospects to diamond communities in less privileged parts of the world. More information on www.amcdiamonds.be

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