



## NEWS RELEASE

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### RJC RE-CERTIFIES ARJAV ASSOCIATES NV IN BELGIUM

LONDON - RJC announced today that Arjav Associates NV, part of the part of the Arjav Diamonds Group, has achieved Re-Certification by meeting the highest ethical, social and environmental standards established by the RJC.

“RJC warmly congratulates Arjav Associates NV on its Certification,” says Catherine Sproule, RJC’s Chief Operations Officer. “We are thrilled to see Members achieving Re-Certifications against the standard.”

The successful verification assessment was conducted by Roshini Wickramasinghe from SGS United Kingdom Limited, one of the independent third-party auditing firms accredited by the RJC.

“We are pleased to have achieved Re-Certification with the RJC as we continue to believe that the international diamond industry can be a force for good and a global example. At Arjav Associates NV we feel that consumer confidence in our product is essential and a key component of our industry. Therefore, we will continuously support the important work of assurance programmes within the diamond industry.” said Arjav A. Mehta, Director Arjav Associates NV.

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#### About RJC

The Responsible Jewellery Council is an international not-for-profit standards and certification organisation. It has more than 500 Member companies that span the jewellery supply chain from mine to retail. RJC Members commit to and are independently audited against the RJC Code of Practices – an international standard on responsible business practices for diamonds, gold and platinum group metals. The Code of Practices addresses human rights, labour rights, environmental impact, mining practices, product disclosure and many more important topics in the jewellery supply chain. RJC also works with multi-stakeholder initiatives on responsible sourcing and supply chain due diligence. The RJC’s Chain-of-Custody Certification for precious metals supports these initiatives and can be used as a tool to deliver broader Member and stakeholder benefit.

The RJC is a [Full Member of the ISEAL Alliance](#) – the global association for sustainability standards. For more information on RJC Members, Certification, and Standards please visit [www.responsiblejewellery.com](http://www.responsiblejewellery.com)

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**About Arjav Associates NV**

Arjav Associates NV is part of the Arjav Diamonds Group and was founded in 1995. The Group is active in three fields; rough distribution, manufacturing and polished marketing. Arjav Associates NV has its offices in Antwerp, Belgium and is a leading global distributor for both rough and polished diamonds. As a part of the Arjav Diamonds Group who are Sightholders with De Beers since 1991, Arjav Associates NV is able to provide a full range of rough product categories in terms of origin, quality and scale. The polished is the output of the Group's advanced manufacturing facility in India and includes round brilliants, a full range of fancy and special cuts. Please visit our website on <http://www.arjavidiamonds.com/> for more information.

**[RJC Certification Information – Arjav Associates NV](#)****[RJC Certified Members](#)**

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