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## RESPONSIBLE JEWELLERY COUNCIL CERTIFIES PINKUSEWITZ DIAMOND TRADERS NV

LONDON - The Responsible Jewellery Council (RJC) announced today that Pinkusewitz Diamond Traders NV, the Antwerp - based diamond trader, has achieved certification by meeting the highest ethical, social and environmental standards established by the RJC's Member Certification system.

"RJC warmly congratulates Pinkusewitz Diamond Traders 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 proud to have obtained certification from the Responsible Jewellery Council. It is very important for us to belong to this network of companies, who find their motivation in ethical principles and upholding the values of the RJC. We intend to continue to develop the know-how of our cutters and to offer all employees working conditions that are in keeping with socially responsible and communitybased values. This RJC certification supports these values that are so dear to us and encourages us to continue along this path by being, above all, a committed company that promotes the economic development and employment prospects of the communities in which we work," said Abraham Pinkusewitz, CEO of Pinkusewitz Diamond Traders.

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## About RJC

The Responsible Jewellery Council is an international not-for-profit organisation bringing together more than 440 member companies. RJC and its Members are 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. This commitment aims to reinforce consumer and stakeholder confidence in diamond, gold and platinum metals jewellery products. The RJC has developed the RJC Member Certification system which applies to all Members' businesses that contribute to the diamond, gold and platinum metals jewellery supply chain. All Certified Members of the RJC are audited by accredited, third party auditors to verify their conformance with the RJC's Code of Practices. A voluntary Chain-of-Custody Standard has also been developed for gold and platinum group metals. The RJC is a <u>Full Member of the ISEAL Alliance</u> – the global association for sustainability standards. For more information on RJC Members, Certification, and Standards please visit <u>www.responsiblejewellery.com</u>

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## **About Pinkusewitz Diamond Traders NV**

Founded in 1977 by Abraham Pinkusewitz in Antwerp, Pinkusewitz Diamond Traders is specialized in finely cut small diamonds from 1000 stones per carat to .30 pointers, D to H colour, IF to VS purity. A Core client at DTC, ALROSA, BHP, Pinkusewitz Diamond Traders has, a regularly renewed, very high stock level of diamonds cut in China and Russia using state-of-the-art tools. It is thus one of the very few companies being able to immediately provide perfectly-cut, precisely calibrated diamonds in significant quantities.

Being a major continuous supplier to the leading Fine Watch and Jewellery companies is a testimony to the company's dedication to consistent assortments and quality control.

Further information can be found on www.pinkusewitz.com - "to make a big deal out of small diamonds".

**RJC Certification Information Pinkusewitz Diamond Traders NV** 

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