

# **NEWS RELEASE**

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# INTERJEWEL EUROPE NV CERTIFIED BY THE RESPONSIBLE JEWELLERY COUNCIL

LONDON – The Responsible Jewellery Council (RJC) today announced that Interjewel Europe 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 delighted to congratulate Interjewel Europe NV on its certification. The successful verification assessment of Interjewel Europe NV 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.

"At Interjewel we pay homage to the world's most alluring stone ever, everyday. Our business runs on trust which is a part of our heritage and is our strength. This credo has made us one of the most sought after diamond companies in the world. The RJC certification for us means one more successful step ahead in this endeavour as we meet the highest standards of ethical, human rights, social and environmental standards established by the RJC Member Certification System. The certification is our promise to the industry and our clients that we will always adhere to the highest standards in our business at every level," says Mehul Kothari, Managing Director, Interjewel Europe NV.

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#### **About RJC**

The Responsible Jewellery Council is an international not-for-profit organisation bringing together more than 330 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>

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## **About Interjewel Europe NV**

Established in 2004, Interjewel Europe NV is a subsidiary of the Interjewel Group (established in 1970). Interjewel Europe NV has been certified by the Responsible Jewellery Council.

Based in Hoveniersstraat, Antwerp, Interjewel Europe NV is dealing in both Rough and Cut & Polished Diamonds. The company is part of every stage of the entire value chain, from rough sourcing to jewellery sales marketing, making it a preferred partner of choice in the industry. It has a global network of offices in all major diamond trading centres of the world, offering customized services to a diverse customer base internationally. More information on www.interjewel.net

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