

## **Responsible Jewellery Council**

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## RESPONSIBLE JEWELLERY COUNCIL CERTIFIES RUBEL & MÉNASCHÉ

LONDON - The Responsible Jewellery Council (RJC) today announced that the French diamond trader, Rubel & Ménasché, has become certified against the ethical, human rights, social and environmental standards as established by the RJC's Certification System.

"The RJC warmly congratulates Rubel & Ménasché on becoming its fifth certified Member. The successful verification assessment of Rubel & Ménasché was conducted by Jean-Baptiste Lescop and Marie-Charlotte Druesne of Ernst & Young et Associes (France), one of the independent third party auditing firms trained in the RJC's System," says Michael Rae, RJC's Chief Executive Officer.

Rubel & Ménasché has been created in 1998 by the merging of two renowned houses: Rubel (founded in 1952), and Ménasché France (founded in 1950). Well known as the leading company in the "purish" diamond stones, Rubel & Ménasché is specialized in the highest quality products, extremely well cut, D to H, IF to VS, with a permanent stock ranging from 1500 pct. (0.5mm) to 3 pct. (4.5mm) diamonds polished in Russia and China. The company also provides top fancy shapes and services like recutting to the most famous "Maisons" in the jewellery industry.

"Rubel & Ménasché is not working with a classic commercial methodology: our constant exchanges of information and discussions with our clients, our providers and partners, allow us to think that we offer a truly unique service. Our stock of perfectly polished and consistently sorted goods allows us to process orders and ship them immediately. To provide with such service we are constantly trying to improve our internal and external process and thus have began last year different international certifications: European customs (A.E.O.), ethical and internal (RJC). The accomplishment of the RJC Member Certification was a very logical step for us to take to contribute to Sustainable Development," says Stephan Wolzok, Rubel & Ménasché's Director.

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## About RJC

The Responsible Jewellery Council is an international not-for-profit organisation bringing together more than 260 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 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 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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