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ANTWERP STAR DIAMONDS NV CERTIFIED BY THE RESPONSIBLE JEWELLERY COUNCIL

LONDON – The Responsible Jewellery Council (RJC) today announced that Antwerp Star Diamonds NV, the Antwerp-based rough and polished distributor, 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 Antwerp Star Diamonds NV on its certification. The successful verification assessment of Antwerp Star Diamonds NV 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.

"We are very proud that Antwerp Star Diamonds NV has become a certified Member of the RJC. As a part of the Blue Star Group, we feel this as recognition of the values that have always been at the core of the Group since its foundation in 1966. It is our belief that an industry that caters to the consumers' dreams and aspirations needs to be exemplary. The RJC certification system allows us to make a firm statement regarding our commitment towards our corporate social responsibility and ongoing drive to improve ourselves and our stakeholders," says Anshul A. Mehta, Director, Antwerp Star Diamonds NV.

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About RJC

The Responsible Jewellery Council is an international not-for-profit organisation bringing together more than 350 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 www.responsiblejewellery.com

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About Antwerp Star Diamonds NV

Antwerp Star Diamonds NV is a part of the Blue Star Group and a subsidiary of Blue Star Diamonds Pvt. Ltd., DTC Sightholder since 1994. Antwerp Star Diamonds NV has been certified by the Responsible Jewellery Council. The Blue Star Group's activities span from rough sourcing and distribution to jewellery retail. Antwerp Star Diamonds NV is the Group's Antwerp based rough and polished distributor.

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