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ARJAV ASSOCIATES NV CERTIFIED BY THE RESPONSIBLE JEWELLERY COUNCIL

LONDON – The Responsible Jewellery Council (RJC) today announced that Arjav Associates NV, the Antwerp-based rough 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 Arjav Associates NV on its certification. The successful verification assessment of Arjav Associates 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.

"At Arjav Associates and the whole Arjav Diamonds Group, we believe that the international diamond industry can be a force for good and a global example. We feel that consumer confidence in our product is essential and a key component of our industry. Therefore, we firmly support the important work of assurance programmes within the diamond industry. We are very pleased that our ongoing efforts since the foundation of Arjav Associates NV are now rewarded with the RJC certification. We will proudly continue to ensure that our business represents the highest ethical, social and environmental standards and encourage all our business partners to do so as well," says Arjav A. Mehta, Director, Arjav Associates NV.

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About RJC

The Responsible Jewellery Council is an international not-for-profit organisation bringing together more than 340 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

About Arjav Associates NV

Arjav Associates NV is part of the Arjav Diamonds Group and was founded in 1995. Arjav Associates NV has been certified by the Responsible Jewellery Council. Arjav Associates NV has its offices in Antwerp, Belgium, and is a leading global distributor for both rough and polished diamonds.

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As a part of the Arjav Diamonds Group who are DTC Sightholders, in addition to long-term contract holders with Alrosa and as a spot and term market customer of BHP Billiton, Arjav Associates NV is able to provide a full range of rough product categories in terms of origin, quality and scale. The Group is active in three fields; rough distribution, manufacturing and polished marketing. The polished is the output of the Group's advanced manufacturing facility in India and includes round brilliants with a full range of fancy and special cuts. More information on www.arjavidiamonds.com

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