

# **NEWS RELEASE**

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#### JEWELEX ANTWERP OBTAINS RJC RE-CERTIFICATION

LONDON - RJC announced today that Jewelex Antwerp has achieved Certification against the 2013 Code of Practices (COP) at its trading facility in Antwerp, Belgium.

"It is a pleasure to announce Jewelex Antwerp has been certified against the 2013 COP. The new provisions under the 2013 COP address important issues for our Members and their supply chain. We are delighted to see Members achieving Certification against the standard and warmly congratulate Jewelex Antwerp," says Andrew Bone, RJC's Executive Director.

The successful verification assessment was led by Ann Van Vlaenderen from Figurad Bedrijfsrevisoren, one of the independent third-party auditing firms accredited by the RJC.

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#### **About RJC**

The Responsible Jewellery Council is an international not-for-profit standards and certification organisation. It has more than 700 Member companies that span the jewellery supply chain from mine to retail. RJC Members commit to and are independently audited against the RJC Code of Practices – an international standard on responsible business practices for diamonds, gold and platinum group metals. The Code of Practices addresses human rights, labour rights, environmental impact, mining practices, product disclosure and many more important topics in the jewellery supply chain. RJC also works with multi-stakeholder initiatives on responsible sourcing and supply chain due diligence. The RJC's Chain-of-Custody Certification for precious metals supports these initiatives and can be used as a tool to deliver broader Member and stakeholder benefit.

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>

### **About Jewelex Antwerp**

Established in the year 1966 as P D Kothari & Co, Jewelex Antwerp has grown to manufacture brilliant cut diamonds from 0.01 to 1.0 ct, VVS to I 2 Qualities in White to TLC / TLB, in its state of the art facility located in the diamond city of Surat.

Our vision is to develop a vertically integrated global organisation, from Diamond to Jewellery, by maximising efficiencies and competitiveness through State of the Art manufacturing facilities & services. Our mission is to provide outstanding customer satisfaction through Uncompromising quality & Unwavering Integrity. Dream it. Do it.

RJC Certification Information – Jewelex Antwerp NV RJC Certified Members

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