

# **NEWS RELEASE**

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## **RJC re-certifies Pinkusewitz Diamond Traders NV**

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

"It is a pleasure to announce Pinkusewitz Diamond Traders NV has been certified against the 2013 COP. The 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 Pinkusewitz Diamond Traders NV," 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.

"We are proud to have been re-certified by the RJC. It is very important for us to belong to this network of companies, who find their motivation in ethical principles and upholding the values of the RJC. We intend to continue to develop the know-how of our cutters and to offer all employees working conditions that are in keeping with socially responsible and community based values. Further we have now set-up a full inhouse laboratory to guarantee the integrity of our products. This RJC Certification supports these values that are so dear to us and encourages us to continue along this path by being, above all, a committed company that promotes the economic development and employment prospects of the communities in which we work," says Abraham Pinkusewitz of Pinkusewitz Diamond Traders.

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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>

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#### **About Pinkusewitz Diamond Traders NV**

Founded in 1977 by Abraham Pinkusewitz in Antwerp, Pinkusewitz Diamond Traders is specialized in finely cut small diamonds from 1000 stones per carat to .30 pointers, D to H colour, IF to VS purity. A Core client at DTC, ALROSA, BHP, Pinkusewitz Diamond Traders has, a regularly renewed, very high stock level of diamonds cut in China and Russia using state-of-the-art tools. It is thus one of the very few companies being able to immediately provide perfectly-cut, precisely calibrated diamonds in significant quantities.

Being a major continuous supplier to the leading Fine Watch and Jewellery companies is a testimony to the company's dedication to consistent assortments and quality control.

Further information can be found on <a href="www.pinkusewitz.com">www.pinkusewitz.com</a> - "to make a big deal out of small diamonds".

RJC Certification Information – Pinkusewitz Diamond Traders NV

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