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MUNIC GEMS NV- RE-CERTIFIED BY THE RJC

LONDON - RJC announced today that Munic Gems NV, the Belgian diamond trader, has achieved Re-Certification by meeting the highest ethical, social and environmental standards established by the RJC.

"RJC congratulates Munic Gems NV on achieving Re-Certification. Munic Gems NV were first certified in 2011. After a Member has become RJC Certified for the first time, independent verification is required at the end of each certification period to ensure continued conformance and thereby maintain Certified Member status," says Ashish Deo, RJC's Chief Executive Officer.

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

"We believe in fair and ethical trade practice and advocate the same in the global gems and jewellery industry. We stand on values and principles and we believe RJC is enhancing consumer confidence in the trade. Accomplishment at Munic is not just about making figures. It is a tuneful entity encircling progress, customer satisfaction with loyalty and goodwill and overall socioeconomic well-being. It is an honour for us to achieve RJC Certification for another three years, "says Mukesh Shah, Director, Munic Gems NV.

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About RJC

The Responsible Jewellery Council is an international not-for-profit standards and certification organisation. It has more than 500 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 Munic Gems NV

Munic Gems NV is a leading diamond trading company based in Belgium. Established in 1988, Munic Gems has risen to prominence in the diamond industry. Munic Gems, and its associated company Munic Sourcing, supply rough diamonds, polished diamonds and diamond jewellery.

Munic Gems purchases rough diamonds from some of the world's largest rough diamond producers and is proud to be an ALROSA Alliance customer. It is most renowned for its position in lower-end rough materials. Its industry-leading expertise

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and ability to source this area of rough enables it to provide customers with relevant products in the volumes they require. For more information visit www.municgems.be

RJC Certification Information – Munic Gems NV

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