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## **RESPONSIBLE JEWELLERY COUNCIL CERTIFIES BARSAMIAN DIAMONDS NV**

LONDON - The Responsible Jewellery Council (RJC) announced today that Barsamian Diamonds NV, the Antwerp-based diamond wholesaler, has achieved certification by meeting the highest ethical, social and environmental standards established by the RJC's Member Certification system.

"RJC warmly congratulates Barsamian Diamonds NV on its certification. The successful verification assessment was conducted by Ann Van Vlaenderen from WF &Co., one of the independent thirdparty auditing firms accredited to the RJC's Member Certification system," says Michael Rae, RJC's Chief Executive Officer.

"Barsamian Diamonds NV is very pleased and honoured to have achieved the RJC certification. We see this certification both as recognition of our endeavour to uphold the highest ethical and moral standards in our business operations and as a commitment to all our stakeholders. As a certified RJC member we will seek to promote responsible practices throughout our industry," says Philippe Barsamian, Managing Director, Barsamian Diamonds NV.

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### About RJC

The Responsible Jewellery Council is an international not-for-profit organisation bringing together more than 400 member companies. RJC and its Members are 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. This commitment aims to reinforce consumer and stakeholder confidence in diamond, gold and platinum metals jewellery products. The RJC has developed the RJC Member Certification system which applies to all Members' businesses that contribute to the diamond, gold and platinum metals jewellery supply chain. All Certified Members of the RJC are audited by accredited, third party auditors to verify their conformance with the RJC's Code of Practices. A voluntary Chain-of-Custody Standard has also been developed for gold and platinum group metals. 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 Barsamian Diamonds NV

Barsamian Diamonds N.V. is an independent company that has its roots in a family tradition which goes back to 1907. Being located in the heart of the Diamond District in Antwerp (Belgium), our main activity is the wholesale of polished diamonds. We are active on an international scale with the purpose to supply a large variety of products and services catering to the specific needs of our customers – merchants, jewellery manufacturers, distributors and jewellers. Barsamian Diamonds N.V. aims to become a model enterprise in the diamond trade, capable of adapting to the needs of its customers and operating as a true catalyst in the chain of goods, services, skills, ideas and information. For further information, visit <u>http://www.barsamiandiamonds.com</u>

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