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RESPONSIBLE JEWELLERY COUNCIL CERTIFIES KOMAL GEMS NV

LONDON - The Responsible Jewellery Council (RJC) announced today that Komal Gems NV, the Antwerp-based diamond cutting and polishing manufacturer, has achieved certification by meeting the highest ethical, social and environmental standards established by the RJC's Member Certification System.

"RJC is delighted to congratulate Komal Gems 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.

"At Komal Gems we fully support the transformation that the RJC is bringing to the Diamond Industry as Mahatma Gandhi famously said 'Be the change you want to see in the world.' Komal Gems NV and the Gajera family are committed to leading this change," says Komal Gems' Director, Girdharbhai Gajera.

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About RJC

The Responsible Jewellery Council is an international not-for-profit organisation bringing together more than 350 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 Komal Gems NV

Komal Gems was established in Antwerp in 1989 as the Indian arm of the Laxmi Diamond Group. One of the four founding Brothers of the business Mr Girdharbhai Gajera has been established in Antwerp for over 20 years. Komal Gems has grown into a strong independent entity while not losing sight of the family values of trust and integrity that underpin the business. Komal Gems is active in the European market attending the major European trade fairs supplying a wide range of polished from Stars to 1 carat certified goods. In addition, Komal Gems sources rough from a number of primary rough produces for its own manufacturing. More information on http://www.komalgems.eu/

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