



## NEWS RELEASE

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### ASPECO NV CERTIFIED BY THE RESPONSIBLE JEWELLERY COUNCIL

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

"RJC is delighted to congratulate Aspeco NV on its certification. The successful verification assessment of Aspeco NV was conducted by Peter Warbrick from SGS, one of the independent third-party auditing firms accredited to the RJC's Member Certification System," says Michael Rae, RJC's Chief Executive Officer.

"It gives us great pleasure to have achieved RJC certification. It shows the high standards that all of us are living up to and it is for us an interesting challenge to share these values with all of our stakeholders. Being RJC certified is beneficial to the entire diamond industry and is for us an essential cornerstone in our future development plans," says Nitin Shah, Director of Aspeco N.V.

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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](http://www.responsiblejewellery.com)

#### About Aspeco NV

Aspeco N.V. was established in 1999 and is a rough and polished buying and selling operation. They are part of the K.Girdharlal Group of companies who have an important manufacturing base in Surat (India) and have sales offices around the globe. Aspeco NV has been certified by RJC.

As a polished seller, Aspeco N.V. is specialised in GIA certified stones, ranging mainly from 0.30 cts to 6.00cts. In loose diamonds they focus on polished in the 0.01 ct to 2.00ct bracket.

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