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RJC RE-CERTIFIES SMOLENSK DIAMONDS

LONDON - RJC announced today that Smolensk Diamonds has achieved Certification against the 2013 Code of Practices (COP) at its trading facilities in New York, USA and Antwerp, Belgium.

"It is a pleasure to announce Smolensk Diamonds 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 Smolensk Diamonds," says Andrew Bone, RJC's Executive Director.

The successful verification assessment was led by Stefaan Beirens from Figurat Bedrijfsrevisoren, one of the independent third-party auditing firms accredited by the RJC.

"Smolensk Diamonds is very proud to be Re-Certified by the RJC for a further period of three years. This achievement is important for us as a confirmation that as part of Kristall Group of companies, we highly value the core principles of the world diamond industry in relation to responsible and ethical business practices, human rights, social and environmental practices. We are committed to promote these values throughout our supply chain and the industry as a whole," says Raymond Cohen, the Managing Director of Smolensk Diamonds 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 850 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 [Full Member of the ISEAL Alliance](#) – the global association for sustainability standards. For more information on RJC Members, Certification, and Standards please visit www.responsiblejewellery.com

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About Smolensk Diamonds NV

Smolensk Diamonds was founded in Antwerp (Belgium) in 1992 by Kristall Production Corporation, the largest diamond manufacturer in Russia. Today it is the main sales office of Kristall Group of Companies abroad. Smolensk Diamonds specializes in sales of polished diamonds manufactured at Kristall Production Corporation in accordance with the “Triple Excellent” standards and trading operations with rough diamonds sourced from leaders of diamond producing industry in the world. For more information about Kristall Group of Companies visit www.kristallsmolensk.com.

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