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### Akostar BV

IS A CERTIFIED MEMBER OF THE RESPONSIBLE JEWELLERY COUNCIL

NUMBER: 0000 5617 DURATION: 3 Year

PERIOD: 01 November 2024 - 01 November 2027

STANDARD: Code of Practices 2019

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# CERTIFICATION OVERVIEW

MEMBERSHIP FORUM	Diamonds and Coloured Gemstones Trader, Cutter and/or Polisher
AUDIT DATE	03 September 2024
AUDIT TYPE	Re-certification
APPLICABLE STANDARD	Code of Practices 2019
ACCREDITED AUDIT FIRM	Forvis Mazars
APPLICABLE PROVISIONS	<ol> <li>General requirements: 1-4, except 3.2</li> <li>Responsible supply chains, human rights and due diligence: 5-14, except 7.1a, 7.3, 8, 9, 11.3, 13.2-4, 14.3</li> <li>Labour rights and working conditions: 15-22, except 19.3, 21.3</li> <li>Health, Safety and Environment: 23-27, except 23.6, 23.10, 27.4</li> <li>Gold, Silver, PGM, diamond and coloured gemstone products: 28-30, except 28.2a-g, i-j, 29.2, 30</li> <li>Responsible mining: Not applicable</li> </ol>

PROVENANCE CLAIMS	Based on written assurance from our suppliers, we state that the diamonds herein invoiced have not originated from Zimbabwe, and that these diamonds have not been cut from rough diamonds originating from Russia and invoiced to the seller after March 11th 2022.
AUDITOR STATEMENT OF CONFORMANCE	Based on the scope and findings of the certification audit, the member has demonstrated a conformance level consistent with a:
	3 Year Certification
NEXT AUDIT TYPE	MID-TERM REVIEW (within 12-24 months):
	A. Mid-term review NOT required due to:
	No anticipated changes to the certification scope during the certification period
	3 or less minor non-conformances with critical provisions or in general identified by the audit (not covered by parallel audits for schemes identified as equivalent to RJC's) for an individual member in the mining sector or a non-mining sector member
	<25 full time equivalent personnel
	Low risk of non-conformances due to management controls
	Existence of parallel audits for schemes recognised by RJC
	Strong internal controls ensuring effective review and closure of corrective actions for non-conformances
	B. Mid-term review (desktop only) required due to:
	No impact on conformance levels from any changes to the certification scope
	5 or less minor non-conformances with critical provisions or in general identified by the audit (not covered by parallel audits for schemes identified as equivalent to RJC's) for an individual member in the mining sector or a non-mining sector member
	Possibility of remote verification of actions
	No risk to critical provisions

C. Mid-term review (with a site visit) required due to:
Known and anticipated changes to the certification scope during the certification period
Member no longer supporting external standards and initiatives recognised by RJC
6 or more minor non-conformances with critical provisions or in general identified by the audit (not covered by parallel audits for schemes identified as equivalent to RJC's) for an individual member in the mining sector or a non-mining sector member
New systems and controls for critical provisions that could not be tested at the certification audit
Need to test new systems and controls ensuring respect for critical provisions
Facilities with risk of non-conformances with critical provisions
Other reasons presented by the lead auditor necessitating an onsite verification

#### CERTIFICATION SCOPE

Business name of entity/facility AKOSTAR BV

<u>Location (City and Country)</u> Antwerp, Belgium <u>Business Activity</u> Diamond trading company, specialising in polished diamonds.

## ABOUT THIS CERTIFICATION

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