

# **NEWS RELEASE**

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### RJC RE-CERTIFIES FISCHLER DIAMONDS NV

LONDON - RJC announced today that Fischler Diamonds NV has achieved Re-Certification against the 2013 Code of Practices (COP) at its Trading facility in Antwerp, Belgium. The 2013 COP was released in November 2013.

"It is a pleasure to announce Fischler Diamonds NV has been certified against the 2013 COP. The new 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 Fischler Diamonds NV," says Andrew Bone, RJC's Executive Director.

The successful verification assessment was led by Ann Van Vlaenderen from Figurad Bedrijfsrevisoren, one of the independent third-party auditing firms accredited by the RJC.

"We at Fischler Diamonds N.V. view our Re-Certification as an independent validation of our business model based on long-term best practice and value added services. Above all, we are happy to see that the business philosophy and principles which we inherited from our company founders are completely in line with the leading industry standard. We are convinced that the RJC Certification will enable us to further spread our values of ethical conduct and respect, and contribute to our industry's sustainability and positive contribution for the benefit of all involved in this unique sector and to maintain and enhance the unique attributes of diamonds," said Michel Fischler, Director of Fischer 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 600 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 <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>

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### **About Fischler Diamonds NV**

Fischler Diamonds N.V. was founded in 1952 by Bram Fischler and cousins, Aby and Cappi Fischler in Antwerp, Belgium and quickly grew into a leading international diamond manufacturing firm. For more than 50 years and three generations, Fischler Diamonds N.V. Is one of the most trusted manufacturers and diamond sources in the industry. At Fischler Diamonds "Quality "is a second-nature, the constant quality of our goods is only surpassed by the quality of our service. This translates into extensive and precise assortments which help our Customers with the selection of goods they need. The same care for our customers and products is achieved through our pursuit of excellence at every level of our organization. We share our passion for diamonds by providing the highest level of ethical conduct and service based on a longstanding reputation for honesty and professionalism.

**RJC Certification Information – Fischler Diamonds NV** 

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