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Top Diamond Producers Invited to Take Part in World Diamond Congress in Dubai

Antwerp, Belgium – May 2, 2016: Exactly two weeks before the start of the 37th World Diamond Congress, the biennial meeting of the World Federation of Diamond Bourses (WFDB) and the International Diamond Manufacturers Association (IDMA), organisers are putting the final touches to the meeting schedule. Among the issues to be discussed at the Congress is the work and approach of the diamond producers, with leading representatives invited to address the Congress.

The Congress, to take place in Dubai from May 16 to 19, will address the issue of 'Transparency, Responsibility, Sustainability in Producing Countries' on the morning of May 19, with representatives of global producers participating in a panel discussion.

"We are expecting delegates from the major diamond producing companies and countries to take part," stated WFDB President Ernie Blom. "They will present their views on the state of the market and their supply strategies, as well as other subjects.

"For the first time at a World Diamond Congress, we are introducing a panel element with the aim of encouraging attendees to take part. This should lead to some fascinating exchanges, with highly relevant questions from the floor to the panelists.

"Rough diamond purchases have been encouragingly strong in the first months of 2016 and I am sure this will be one of the issues that the producers will address and on which they will face questions from the audience," Blom concluded.

For more details about the 37th World Diamond Congress and for registration, please visit the Congress site at: <http://www.diamondcongress2016.com>



WFDB President Ernie Blom.

ABOUT THE WFDB:

The World Federation of Diamond Bourses has 30 affiliated bourse members and exists to protect the interests of affiliated bourses and their individual members, and also to further the amicable settlement or arbitration of disputes between individual members of the affiliated bourses and/or between affiliated bourses. The WFDB participates in the promotion of world trade and encourages the establishment of new diamond bourses. In 2012, it established The World Diamond Mark, a not-for-profit organisation, to promote consumer desirability and confidence in diamonds.

Members of affiliated bourses pledge to uphold the traditions, principles of mutual trust, consideration and friendship which prevail among the members of the bourses worldwide. They also pledge themselves to abide by and hand down these principles and to ensure that they will forever serve as a basis in business relations between members of affiliated bourses.