



## PRESS RELEASE

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**CONTACT**

Ya'akov Almor

Tel: +972-52-352-2685

E-mail: [almor@mdirect-business.com](mailto:almor@mdirect-business.com)

### **World Diamond Congress set for October 17-20 in New York**

*New York , May 17, 2004 --* The hosts of the 31st World Diamond Congress—the Diamond Dealers Club (DDC) of New York and the Diamond Manufacturers and Importers Association of America—have provided preliminary details about the event that is scheduled to take place in New York from October 17 to 20, 2004.

The World Diamond Congress, which will serve as it traditionally does as the forum of the WFDB general assembly, will take place at New York City's famous Waldorf Astoria Hotel. Related functions will be held elsewhere in Manhattan, including at the headquarters of the United Nations.

The three-day event will be the largest and most diverse gathering of diamond luminaries ever assembled for the purpose of coordinating industry policy and standards of conduct. The congress will be both international and vertically integrated, with representatives of African, Russian, Canadian and Australian mines invited to join the representatives of diamond bourses and manufacturers from around the world.

Two delegations at the WFDB event are expected to take significant steps in joining the organization. The Shanghai Diamond Exchange appears set to join the ranks of the WFDB as a full member at the New York congress, and the Dubai Diamond Exchange will formally apply for WFDB membership. The Dubai Diamond Exchange is a division of the Dubai Metals and Commodities Center.

Taking advantage of New York's unique status as the world's political center, the final session of the World Diamond Congress will be held in the Delegates' Lounge at the United Nations. It will include a Gala Ambassadors Dinner attended by the ambassadors of all the countries involved in the diamond industry .

*For more information about the World Diamond Congress, please contact Dr. Martin Hochbaum, DDC Managing Director, tel: +1-212-869-9777, fax: +1-212-869-5164, e-mail [mhochbaum@ddcny.com](mailto:mhochbaum@ddcny.com).*

\* \* \* \* \*