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WFDB welcomes the CRJP's commitment to cooperation and collaboration

ANTWERP, BELGIUM: JUNE 5, 2006 - The World Federation of Diamond Bourses (WFDB) has welcomed the continuing commitment to engagement and collaboration expressed by the Council for Responsible Jewellery Practices (CRJP), at its Stakeholder Dialogue in London on May 14.

“WFDB congratulates the CRJP and its membership on the constructive engagement held with the jewellery industry and NGO stakeholders at the event,” said WFDB President Ernie Blom. “The CRJP Stakeholder Dialogue was an excellent forum for all participants to share their ideas and experiences. WFDB looks forward to future collaborative events of this kind.

“WFDB shares the CRJP's desire to reinforce consumer confidence in the diamond industry,” continued Blom. “Both organisations are committed to promoting ethical accountability in our industry through credible systems of auditing, monitoring and enforcement.

“WFDB looks forward to further cooperation with CRJP as we work to ensure that the WFDB Mark and the CRJP's verification system serve to reinforce consumer confidence throughout the entire diamond supply chain. To this end, WFDB is pleased that the CRJP's CEO, Michael Rae, has accepted our invitation to attend the WFDB and IDMA Presidents' Meeting to be held in Amsterdam in June,” Blom concluded.

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