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WFDB President Avi Paz sends condolences to people of Japan and Tokyo Diamond Exchange following earthquakes and tsunami

Antwerp, March 14, 2011 – World Federation of Diamond Bourses (WFDB) President Avi Paz has sent his condolences to the people of Japan and the Japanese diamond community following the disaster caused by the country's largest-ever earthquake and tsunami on Friday.

Paz said that the global diamond business was with the people of Japan at such a difficult time and as it attempted to recover from the enormous blow which had led to the deaths of thousands of people.

Paz said that as far as he knew, no members of the Japanese diamond trade had been affected by the natural disasters, and that the WFDB was offering any support that it could provide to the Tokyo Diamond Exchange.

"We have all been shocked and horrified by the pictures we have seen following the earthquakes and the tsunami," Paz said. "Our hearts go out to the people of Japan at this terrible time, particularly to the families of those who have perished.

"The WFDB is a global family and we all come together at times like these. On behalf of the WFDB, I would like to send my heartfelt best wishes for a speedy recovery, and to offer any help and support to our colleagues in Japan, particularly to our friends and colleagues at the Tokyo Diamond Exchange," Paz concluded.

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