



Press Release

Export rough diamonds increased in November

Antwerp, December 17th 2013 - The monthly import and export figures of the Antwerp diamond trade indicate November was, in general, a rather good month for rough trade. The figures of polished diamonds show a slight decrease compared to November last year.

The figures of rough diamonds were very positive in november, especially the export figures. The exported volume of rough diamonds rose 38.78% compared to November 2012. In value terms, this translates into an increase of 23.44%. This is mainly due to the increasing demand from India, which is the most important destination for rough diamonds from Antwerp.

The import figures of rough diamonds show a drop of 3.95% in volume and a decrease of 1.35% in value.

When we take a look at the traded volume of polished diamonds in November, we see a decrease of 2.98% exported carat and a drop of 9.99% imported carat compared to last year. In value terms, this translates into a smaller drop of respectively 1.23% and 3.05%.

More information can be found on our [website](#)

AWDC, short for Antwerp World Diamond Centre, is an industry-established foundation, whose mission is to serve and support the diamond business in Antwerp, the world's most important diamond trade hub. AWDC is the coordinating body and the official representative of the Antwerp diamond sector, and as such are recognized internationally as the host, spokesperson and intermediary for the Belgian diamond community. In this capacity, AWDC liaises on behalf of the Belgian diamond sector with governments and actively promotes support for the diamond sector at home and abroad.

84% of all rough diamonds and 50% of all polished diamonds pass through Antwerp. Diamonds represent 5% of the total Belgian exports and 15% of all Belgian exports outside the EU, making diamonds the most important export product outside the EU.

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