



Press release

The Antwerp diamond sector condemns attack in Jewish Museum of Brussels

Antwerp, 26 May 2014 – The Antwerp diamond sector condemns the attack in the Jewish Museum of Brussels, which took place last Saturday and expresses condolences to the victims and their families.

The Antwerp World Diamond Centre (AWDC) and the Antwerp diamond sector are shocked by the tragic events of last Saturday in the Jewish Museum of Brussels, where four innocent lives were lost in a terrorist attack.

“On behalf of the Antwerp diamond sector, we would like to express our heartfelt condolences to the victims and the families. The diamond sector will hold a minute of silence today at 12:00 o’clock”, said Ari Epstein, AWDC CEO.

AWDC, 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 is 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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