



Press release: trade figures May 2013 Antwerp diamond industry

Caroline De Wolf, Communications Manager AWDC: *“Even though the figures of the past month show small decreases in the import of polished and rough goods in volume terms, we do believe that the figures of May are very positive. The rising value of exported polished diamonds is mainly the result of the rise of valuable goods exported to the USA and Hong Kong. Also the 12% rise of the volume of exported rough goods is very significant.”*

The import figures of polished diamonds dropped 1.73 percent in volume terms compared to last year. However, this drop translates into a 27.94 percent rise in value terms.

Compared to May 2012, the export figures of polished diamonds decreased 4.32 percent in volume terms but increased 7.69 percent in value.

The volume of exported rough diamonds increased 12.46 percent in volume terms and 6.12 percent in value terms compared to May 2012.

The import figures of rough diamonds slightly decreased compared to last year. In volume terms, they dropped 3.42 percent, in value terms 5.34 percent.

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