



Press Release

Value Antwerp diamond trade rises in September

Antwerp, October 21st 2013 - The monthly figures of the Antwerp diamond trade indicate September was a rather calm but good month. Especially in value, the statistics show an increase compared to September 2012.

When we take a look at the value figures, we see both polished export and import figures rose with respectively 2.69% and 16.98% compared to the same month last year. The volume of exported polished diamonds decreased with 8.50% but the imported volume of polished diamonds increased with 7.33%.

The trade value of rough diamond import dropped 2.45% compared to August 2012 but the export value rose 4.25%. In volume terms, imports rose 1.39% and exports decreased 9.81%.

Overall we can say it was a rather slow but good month. At the end of the month, some Jewish Holidays took place; which can explain why trade was a bit slower.

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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