



Press Release

Value of diamonds traded in Antwerp rises

Antwerp, September 13th 2013, Antwerps August monthly figures indicate that the value of diamonds traded in Antwerp rose significantly compared to August 2012. The value of both polished exports and imports rose by 35,45% and 17,74% respectively. The volume of the export and import of polished diamonds slightly decreased.

The trade value of rough imports and exports increased by 28,38% and 15,47%. Also the volume of rough diamond imports rose by 32,85%.

The trade in August traditionally is slower compared to July because of the industry's summer recess.

More information on the trade figures of the Antwerp diamond industry 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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