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9th Annual Meeting of World Diamond Council set to convene in Tel Aviv on May 5 and 6

NEW YORK: May 2, 2013 – The 9th Annual Meeting of the World Diamond Council is set to convene at the Dan Panorama Convention Center in Tel Aviv on May 5 and 6. The Plenary Session will take place on Monday, May 6, with the welcoming address being delivered by Naftali Bennett, Israel’s Minister of Economy and Trade. He will join government ministers from a variety of diamond producing and consuming countries, senior representatives of international organizations, and leaders of the world diamond and jewelry industries.

The WDC Annual Meeting is the official forum for the General Assembly of the WDC, which coordinates the effort of the international diamond and jewelry sectors to eliminate the trade in diamonds from areas of conflict. The host of the meeting is the Israel Diamond Institute Group of Companies.

“We are delighted to welcome so distinguished a groups of leaders, all of whom have a vested interest in the work of the World Diamond Council, within the context of the Kimberley Process,” said Eli Izhakoff, WDC President. “Their presence underscores not only the importance of the event, but also the appreciation of the role played by the industry in ridding the world of conflict diamonds.”

“The Israel Diamond Institute is honored to be able to welcome the leadership of our industry and our government partners in Tel Aviv,” said Moti Ganz, IDI Chairman. “This is the third time that we have hosted such a gathering, and once again we feel compelled to provide whatever support we can to WDC’s critical mission.”

Among the speakers at the Annual Meeting will be the following:

- Susan Shabangu, Minister of Mineral Resources of South Africa
- Dr. Obert Moses Mpofu, Minister of Mines and Mining Development of the Republic of Zimbabwe
- Francisco Queirós, Minister of Geology and Mines of the Republic of Angola
- Jose W. Fernandez, U.S .Assistant Secretary of State

- Dr. Andrei Abramov, Chief of NGO Division, Economic and Social Council of the United Nations
- Ambassador Welile Nhlapo, Chair of Kimberley Process
- Tung Lai Margue, Director, Head of Service for Foreign Policy Instruments of European Union

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