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WFDB honours the memory of Isi Beck, 1923 - 2012

Antwerp : March 22, 2012- The World Federation of Diamond Bourses has paid tribute to the memory of Isi Beck, influential member of the Antwerp diamond industry, who died in Antwerp on March 20, at age 89.

Isi Beck was a long-time diamond manufacturer who started as a cleaver in 1938. He was business manager of Belgian Diamond Suppliers and member of various diamond organisations. He was member of the WFDB since 1987, and served as vice president and member of the Executive Committee from 1993 to 1998. At the Antwerpsche Diamantkring, which Isi Beck joined in 1949, he served as president from 1987 to 1999.

Overlapping with these positions, he held the post of president of the Federation of Belgian Diamond Bourses from 1990 to 1999. In addition, he served as treasurer of the Diamond High Council (now Antwerp World Diamond Centre) in 1987 and as its vice president in 1993.

Isi Beck, who was born in Cologne, Germany, in 1923, was made a knight in the Order of King Leopold and an officer in the Crown Order.

“The Belgian diamond centre loses a dedicated professional with great social responsibility. Isi Beck enriched Antwerp by his presence, foresight and intimate understanding of the business. It is fair to state that the Antwerp diamond industry will miss his dedication,” said Avi Paz, President of the World Federation of Diamond Bourses.

Avi Paz and the WFDB board members wish the family much comfort and strength with this sad passing.

The World Federation of Diamond bourses protects the interests of affiliated diamond bourses and their individual members. It furthers the amicable settlement or arbitration of differences and disputes between the individual members of the affiliated bourses and between the affiliated bourses. In furtherance of this object, it is the aim of the world federation to participate in the promotion of world trade and to encourage the establishment of bourses, with the view of eventual affiliation of all centres where diamonds are actively traded

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