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### **IDMA board and members mourn Freddy Hager, sending condolences to his family, friends, and to the diamond business community at large**

*Gaborone, Botswana, – April 10, 2011:* The board of the International Diamond Manufacturers Association (IDMA), issued a statement today following last week's unexpected death of Freddy Hager, president of the London Diamond Bourse and Club, and Deputy Treasurer of the World Federation of Diamond Bourses:

IDMA president Moti Ganz, Secretary General Ronnie VanderLinden, and Treasurer Stephane Fischler, and the IDMA membership, join the global diamond community in mourning Freddy Hager, who passed away unexpectedly last week. May his memory be blessed.

"Freddy was first of all a friend," said IDMA president Ganz. "His qualities were many and without exception endeared him on all in the communities he lived and worked in. We wish his wife, Louise, his children and grandchildren strength and courage to cope with loosing Freddy, who still had so much to offer and died so young," Ganz stated.

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#### **About IDMA**

IDMA was founded and convened for the first time in 1946, in Antwerp. It is committed to fostering and promoting the highest ideals of honesty and best practice principles throughout the global diamond industry, as well as full compliance with all relevant national and international laws. The organization has developed and adopted a Code of Conduct, which is binding on all 15 member associations. IDMA also works to encourage fair and honorable practices and decent working conditions for industry employees; and to preserve, protect and promote consumer trust and confidence in diamonds. It encourages and supports social responsibility by the industry in respect to all citizens of the world. The Association has played an active role in establishing the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme and is a co-founder of the World Diamond Council.

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