

FAST FACTS

The Responsible Jewellery Council (RJC)

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The Council

- The RJC is an international, not-for-profit organisation founded in 2005 to reinforce confidence in the diamond and gold jewellery supply chain.
- Its mission is to advance responsible ethical, social and environmental practices, which respect human rights, throughout the diamond and gold jewellery supply chain, from mine to retail.
- The Council is governed by a Board of Directors elected by Members and managed by a small team of professional staff operating out of 4 countries.

Members

- RJC Membership is open to all businesses and associations participating in the diamond and gold jewellery supply chain.
- Since 2005, RJC Membership has grown from 14 to more than 100 Members committed to responsible jewellery practices in their own businesses and throughout the supply chain.

Certification

- The RJC is developing a certification system based on third party auditing of Member's business practices.
- The RJC Code of Practices is the standard to assess Members' conformance against. It is applicable to all businesses that contribute to the lifecycle of diamond and/or gold jewellery.
- The RJC plans to begin operating its certification system in 2009. It will be a requirement of Membership that companies who joined the Council before December 31st, 2008, achieve certification by the end of 2011. Those Members which join the Council from January 1st, 2009, will be required to achieve certification within 2 years of joining the Council. Members with Mining Facilities will have 2 years from the release of the Mining Supplement to the Code of Practices.

Become involved

- Become a Member: Join the Council as a Commercial or Association Member.
- Provide feedback: Comment on the design or operation of the certification system.
- Keep informed: Join our mailing list.
- Contact: info@responsiblejewellery.com

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