



## 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, gold and platinum metals 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, gold and platinum metals jewellery supply chain.
- Since 2005, RJC Membership has grown from 14 to more than 260 Members committed to responsible jewellery practices in their own businesses and throughout the supply chain.

### RJC Certification

- The RJC has developed a certification system based on independent, third party auditing of Member's business practices.
- The [RJC Code of Practices](#) is the standard against which Members' conformance is assessed. It is applicable to all businesses that contribute to the lifecycle of diamond and/or gold jewellery.
- The RJC began operating its certification system in December 2009. RJC Members who joined prior to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2009 are required to undergo independent verification by December 2011, or December 2012 if they have Mining Facilities. Companies that join the RJC from 2010 will need to undergo independent verification within two years of becoming Members.
- Businesses that join the RJC and demonstrate their business practices conform to the RJC's common set of standards of responsible practice will have the benefit of recognition against an international certification system.

### Become involved

- Become a Member: Join the Council as a Commercial or Association Member. <http://www.responsiblejewellery.com/applications.html>
- Provide feedback: Comment on the design or operation of the certification system.
- Keep informed: Join our mailing list.
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