



## NEWS RELEASE

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### Mine to retail leaders discuss updates to responsible sourcing at RJC's JCK seminar

LONDON – The RJC is hosting a luncheon session on advances over the past year in responsible sourcing in the jewellery supply chain. Held at the JCK Las Vegas show, on Friday 30 May, all attendees are invited to hear how RJC Certified Members view the new RJC Code of Practices (COP) as a viable solution to complex and constantly changing issues like synthetic diamonds, gold and human rights provisions.

James Courage, RJC Chairman, will welcome attendees, Catherine Sproule, RJC's Interim CEO, and Fiona Solomon, RJC Director, Standards Development will lead the session.

Representatives from RJC Member organisations include – Larry Drummond, Metalor Technologies, addressing conflict-free gold, Mark Hanna, Richline, reviewing the importance of harmonised initiatives and compliance expectations, David Bouffard, Signet Jewelers Ltd., will talk about Signet's commitment to RJC in its newly announced supplier expectation project.

Marcelle Shoop, Rio Tinto, will address the company's approach to responsible jewellery supply chain standards in the Indian diamond industry. Concluding is Jerry Ehrenwald, International Gemological Institute (IGI), with the perspective of a leading independent laboratory and RJC Certified Member on the importance of synthetic diamond detection technology.

"If attendees are selecting just one session at JCK to hear about the latest advances in responsible sourcing initiatives, this is it," says Sproule. "These panellists are RJC Certified and in addition to the commitment they have made to Certification, their companies actively share their experience and expertise to benefit the entire jewellery industry."

**Space and lunch selections are first come, first served. Early registration is encouraged. Register [here](#) to attend the RJC seminar on Friday, 30 May, 11:30am – 12:45pm, Tradewinds A, Mandalay Bay, JCK Las Vegas.**

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## **About RJC**

The Responsible Jewellery Council is an international not-for-profit standards and certification organisation. It has more than 470 Member companies that span the jewellery supply chain from mine to retail. RJC Members commit to and are independently audited against the RJC Code of Practices – an international standard on responsible business practices for diamonds, gold and platinum group metals. The Code of Practices addresses human rights, labour rights, environmental impact, mining practices, product disclosure and many more important topics in the jewellery supply chain. RJC also works with multi-stakeholder initiatives on responsible sourcing and supply chain due diligence. The RJC's Chain-of-Custody Certification for precious metals supports these initiatives and can be used as a tool to deliver broader Member and stakeholder benefit.

The RJC is a [Full Member of the ISEAL Alliance](#) – the global association for sustainability standards. For more information on RJC Members, Certification, and Standards please visit [www.responsiblejewellery.com](http://www.responsiblejewellery.com)

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