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RE: RJC Consultative Panel

Dear Sonya, Payal, Dave, Christina and John,

Thank you for your reply of 6th August 2009 to the Responsible Jewellery Council's invitation to participate in the RJC Consultative Panel.

The RJC regrets that you have decided not to formally participate in the Consultative Panel, as we are finding the process constructive and effective in the standards development process.

To that end I wish to alert you that the final consultation drafts for the RJC Mining Supplement material have been posted on the RJC's website for public comment today at <http://responsiblejewellery.com/supplement.html>.

The drafts have benefited greatly from the input of RJC Members, the RJC's Consultative Panel, comprising representatives of the Standards Committee and external stakeholders, and public submissions. Our report on the comments received provides details of the RJC's actions and responses to the second round of input.

The RJC would greatly appreciate any feedback you might have as to the scope and sufficiency of these mining-specific additions to the RJC Code of Practices and their associated Standards Guidance.

The public comment period will be open for 30 days until Friday October 16, 2009. The RJC aims to finalise the Mining Supplement and re-release the RJC system documentation in December 2009.

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While RJC's concerns for product stewardship extend throughout the diamond and gold jewellery supply chain, the RJC strongly shares your organisations' desires for improved practices in gold and diamond mining. The RJC sincerely hopes that the mining-specific standards and related guidance documents RJC produces will be of assistance to the mining-focussed IRMA process. RJC appreciates that some of its earlier efforts around mining standards development are already referenced in current IRMA standards documents.

The RJC looks forward to further cooperation with IRMA's participants and is committed to reviewing the anticipated products of the IRMA process.

The invitation to participate in the RJC Consultative Panel remains open to you should you wish to engage in future. The current Consultative Panel process will run until December 2009, when it is planned that the final RJC Mining Supplement will be released. At that point, RJC will discuss a future and ongoing role for the Consultative Panel, or a similar multi-stakeholder process within the RJC, as we enter the implementation stage of the RJC's 3rd party certification system.

With your approval, you will all continue to be on our interested parties list so as to receive regular updates on the RJC's work program.

Kindest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Lee', is centered on a light-colored, textured rectangular background.

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