



Standards Committee Meeting 19 February 2020 Summary notes

Standards Committee participants: Purvi Shah (Industry Co-Chair), Ainsley Butler (Non-industry Co-chair), Natalia Zhulina, Fabiana Di Lorenzo, Jennifer Hillard, Marianna Smirnova, Sara Yood, Tehmasp Printer & Yves Bertan

Apologies: Cecilia Gardner

RJC Management Team: Peter Dawkins (Standards Manager), Nawal Ait-Hocine (RJC consultant)

Materials circulated in advance of call: Presentation slides, minutes from previous meeting

1. Introduction

Co-chair Ainsley Butler reminded the committee of the RJC anti-trust policy and welcomed participants to the meeting. The standards manager carried out a roll call and Co-chair Purvi Shah summarised the agenda for the meeting. Meeting minutes from the previous standards committee teleconference on 21 November 2019 were approved by Jennifer Hillard and Ainsley Butler.

2. EU Application to become a recognised scheme

The standards manager provided an update to the committee members on the current status of the RJC's application to become a recognised scheme under the EU conflict mineral regulation. The RJC application was submitted in February 2020 and is currently awaiting feedback from the EU on the stage 1 of the RJC's application. An update on the current status will be provided at the next standards committee meeting on April 7 2020 in Paris, France.

3. Refiner Country of origin data collection.

Nawal-Ait Hocine (RJC Consultant) supplied an update to the committee on the current work being conducted by the RJC on our collaboration with LBMA & RMI on refiner data collection. Documents have been drafted and legal review conducted. These are going to be shared with refiner members shortly and will begin the annual collection of refiner country of origin data from RJC refiner members. An update on the current status will be provided at the next standards committee meeting on April 7 2020 in Paris, France.

4. CoC 2017 Inclusion of Silver

The standards manager updated the committee on the inclusion of silver into the 2017 CoC standard, which was completed on 3 February 2020. This inclusion also covers the incorporation of silver into Chain-of-custody standard, standards guidance document, CoC self-assessment and audit report template. All documents are now live with members and auditors and is publicly available on the RJC website. This concludes this project on the CoC 2017 standard.

5. ISEAL Standards Code Compliance Part. 2

The Standards Manger provided an update on the status of the RJC's part 2 of the ISEAL standards code compliance assessment. The RJC has submitted the necessary evidence to ISEAL and this is currently being reviewed by an independent evaluator provided by ISEAL. We expect a response to the outcome of this review to be provided by 24 February 2020. An update on the current status will be provided at the next standards committee meeting on April 7 2020 in Paris, France.

6. Standards Committee Composition

Nawal Ait-Hocine informed the standards committee on the points raised by ISEAL on the standards committee composition. Subsequent to this notification by ISEAL, the RJC has conducted a gap analysis on skills that the standards committee requires, and a list of the necessary skills was provided to the standards committee. It was noted by several committee members that a geographic balance also should be applied to any future appointments to the standards committee, which an emphasis towards proposal of candidates from South / Central America, Africa and Asia. Co-chair Ainsley Butler called on all standards committee members to put forward recommendations for future committee participants. An update on the current status for both of these projects will be provided at the next standards committee meeting on April 7 2020 in Paris, France.

7. Other updates

Nawal Ait-Hocine provided an update to the committee on the status of the coloured stones taskforce and the lab taskforce, noting their ongoing progression with definition of the taskforce scope, membership and the drafting of terms of reference for each group. It was clarified by the Co-chair that the purpose of the coloured gemstone taskforce is to create a supply chain specific COP guidance document, assisting coloured gemstone members to implement the requirements of the COP.

The standards manager updated the committee on the RJC's standards maintenance, the RJC management team are currently awaiting the outcome of an RJC officers meeting to define the scope of the board directive to conduct a review of the RJC's mining provisions. The update on the due-diligence pilot project noted that the first round of consultation was held on the 19 February 2020 and received feedback from the pilot participants. The next round of consultation will be held in March 2020. An update on the current status for both of these projects will be provided at the next standards committee meeting on April 7 2020 in Paris, France.

The Co-chairs informed the committee members about the next committee meeting on 7 April 2020, at the offices of Rubel & Menasche in Paris, France (for those attending in person they must bring government issued identification) and closed the meeting.