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Industry leaders discuss responsible sourcing at RJC seminar - Baselworld Congress Center, Room Singapore – 27 March 2014, 15:00-16:30

LONDON – Responsible sourcing is the main theme that will be discussed at a seminar hosted by the Responsible Jewellery Council (RJC) at the Baselworld fair on Thursday 27 March. The session entitled “Responsible Sourcing: How the new RJC Code of Practices (COP) and key industry initiatives support a responsible supply chain” will gather manufacturers, retailers, RJC Members, prospective members and key stakeholders.

Welcomed by James Courage, RJC Chairman and moderated by RJC’s Interim CEO, Catherine Sproule, the panel comprises leading industry speakers. Challenges and responses around responsible sourcing from mine to retail, conflict minerals initiatives and synthetic diamonds will be addressed.

Participants will hear Dr Fiona Solomon, RJC Director – Standards Development, summarise the new RJC COP 2013, with a focus on Provenance Claims and human rights due diligence. The Head of Trade Promotion of the State Secretariat for Economic Affairs SECO, Hans-Peter Egler, will discuss sourcing programmes with mining companies. Representatives from Member organisations will continue on the theme with Nawal Ait-Hocine giving her views from a Luxury brand perspective.

The importance of harmonisation and collaboration across standards and initiatives to create operational efficiencies will be discussed from a producer and from a retailer’s perspective with Ferial Zerouki of the De Beers Group and Philip Olden, Consultant to Signet Jewelers Ltd respectively. And, Stephen Morisseau, of the Gemological Institute of America will address the topic of synthetic diamonds from a laboratory perspective.

“Conflict minerals legislation, synthetic diamonds and a keen focus on corporate social responsibility (CSR) is collectively driving increased due diligence in the jewellery supply chain. Our Members are committed to RJC’s vision of a responsible global jewellery and watch supply chain. The panel is a representation of the supply chain and each bring expertise and knowledge of supply chain issues at respective touch points,” says Sproule.

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Register [here](#) to attend the RJC seminar on Thursday, 27 March 2014, 15:00 – 16:30, Room Singapore, Baselworld Congress Center

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About RJC

The Responsible Jewellery Council is an international not-for-profit standards and certification organisation. It has more than 460 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.

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