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# Vaibhav Gems

IS A CERTIFIED MEMBER OF THE  
*Responsible Jewellery Council*

CERTIFIED MEMBER: 0000 I59I

CERTIFICATION PERIOD: 12 APRIL 2019 – 12 APRIL 2022

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DAVID BOUFFARD

*Chairman*

*Responsible Jewellery Council*

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ANDREW BONE

*Executive Director*

*Responsible Jewellery Council*

## *Certification Scope*

*Vaibhav Gems, Mumbai, India - Import and Export; Vaibhav Gems, Surat, India - Diamond Cutting and Polishing.*

# RJC CERTIFICATION INFORMATION CODE OF PRACTICES

## Summary



Responsible  
Jewellery  
Council

<i>Certified member</i>	Vaibhav Gems
<i>Membership forum</i>	Diamond Trader and/or Cutter and Polisher
<i>Certification number</i>	0000 1591
<i>Certification period</i>	12 April 2019 – 12 April 2022
<i>Audit date</i>	21-22 & 28 February 2019
<i>Audit type</i>	First Certification
<i>Previous certifications</i>	0
<i>Applicable standard</i>	Code of Practices 2013
<i>Accredited auditor</i>	ISOQAR India Private Limited Lead Auditor: Shiv Prakash Bhatra Ajit Acharya, Manish Doshi
<i>Certification scope</i>	Vaibhav Gems, Mumbai, India - Import and Export; Vaibhav Gems, Surat, India - Diamond Cutting and Polishing.

### *Applicable provisions*

- 1. General requirements:** 1-4, except 3.2
- 2. Responsible supply chains and human rights:** 5-12, except 6.2, 7.1, 9.3 & 11.3-4
- 3. Labour rights and working conditions:** 13-20, except 19.3
- 4. Health, safety and environment:** 21-25
- 5. Diamonds, gold and platinum group metals products:** 26-28, except 28
- 6. Responsible mining sector:** Not applicable

### *Provenance claims*

To the best of our knowledge, implemented policies/procedures and written assurance from our suppliers, Vaibhav Gems, states that Diamonds have not been originated from the MBADA and Marange resource of Zimbabwe. Vaibhav Gems, has a synthetic diamond testing technology and all the diamonds are checked in the testing machines for the surety of natural diamonds and to check that the diamonds are not synthetic. The diamonds comply with the requirements of the WFDB charter on disclosure of synthetic, treated and natural diamonds requirements of the diamonds.

### *Auditor statement of conformance*

Based on the scope and findings of the audit, the sites visited and the available information provided by the member:

- The member has demonstrated a conformance level consistent with a 3 year certification period.
- The member has demonstrated a conformance level consistent with the transitional 1 year certification period for 1 year.
- The member is not eligible for RJC certification due to having four consecutive 1 year certification outcomes.
- Critical breaches have been identified and the RJC management team should initiate disciplinary procedures.

### *Mid-term review*

Based on the scope and findings of the certification audit/re-certification audit, the sites visited and the available information provided by the member:

- A. The member will not require a mid-term review because:**
- No anticipated changes to the certification scope during the certification period.
- Member has < 25 full time equivalent personnel.
- Low risks of changes to current conformance levels and strong management controls.

- B. The member will require a desktop mid-term review during the 3 year certification period to review progress on corrective action against non-conformances within 12-24 months, but a site visit is not required because:**
  - The actions can be verified remotely; or
  - No risk to critical provisions; or
  - There are parallel audit programs for equivalent recognised schemes (e.g. De Beers BPP, SA8000, OHSAS18001, ISO14001)

- C. The member will require a mid-term review during the 3 year certification period that will include the need for site visits because:**
  - Known and anticipated changes to certification scope during the certification period
  - Certification audit identified >2 minor NCs for critical provisions; or > 4 minor NCs in total
  - New systems and controls for critical provisions that could not be tested at the certification audit
  - Facilities with risk of non-conformances against critical provisions
  - Other compelling reason presented by the lead auditor.

### *Confirmation*

#### **The auditors confirm that:**

- The information provided by the member is true and accurate to the best knowledge of the auditor(s) preparing this report.
- The findings are based on verified objective evidence relevant to the time period for the assessment, traceable and unambiguous.
- The scope of the assessment and the method used are sufficient to establish confidence that the findings are indicative of the performance of the member's defined certification scope.
- The auditor(s) have acted in a manner deemed ethical, truthful, accurate professional, independent and objective.

*Auditor signature*

On file

## *Code of Practices certification*

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This certification is issued in accordance with RJC's Assessment Manual. The standard, supporting documentation, and assessment manual, can be downloaded at: [www.responsiblejewellery.com/rjc-certification/code-of-practices-certification13-2/](http://www.responsiblejewellery.com/rjc-certification/code-of-practices-certification13-2/)

This certificate can be authenticated by visiting: [www.responsiblejewellery.com/members/certified-members/](http://www.responsiblejewellery.com/members/certified-members/)

If you have any questions about RJC certifications, please contact: [certification@responsiblejewellery.com](mailto:certification@responsiblejewellery.com)

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