



## **The Responsible Jewellery Council**

The Responsible Jewellery Council (RJC) is an international non-profit organisation representing over 130 Members across the diamond and/or gold jewellery supply chain.

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## **RJC Mining Supplement**

The RJC Code of Practices (COP) aims to provide the objective and verifiable standards for responsible ethical, social, human rights and environmental practices applicable to all RJC Members.

The latest version of the COP, released in December 2008, covers a range of key human rights, labour, business ethics and environmental requirements, applicable to the diamond and gold jewellery supply chain, from mine to retail.

The Mining Supplement will expand the scope of the current COP. It aims to develop additional standards to address mining-specific issues within the diamond and gold jewellery supply chain. These extra standards will be applicable to Members with mining activities, in addition to the requirements already set out in the existing COP.

## **Statement of Commitment**

The development of the Mining Supplement is underpinned by a process of stakeholder consultation and engagement. The RJC commits to:

- be open and transparent in its standards development process for the Mining Supplement
- encourage and facilitate input from a wide range of interested and affected parties
- treat input from interested and affected parties with integrity and respect, and
- report publicly on submissions received, including how comments have been addressed in subsequent drafting.

## **Consultative Panel**

A Consultative Panel for the Mining Supplement commenced in July 2009. Participants in the Consultative Panel were invited on the basis of input into the first round of public consultation for the Mining Supplement and/or their past engagement in dialogues about mining-related standards, verification and certification. The Consultative Panel is working closely with the RJC Standards Committee to further develop the draft standards and guidance.

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## Outline of the Mining Supplement (MS) standards development process

May - June 2008	Gap analysis against existing Code of Practices
July - August 2008	Standards Committee review of Draft 1 MS standards
September - October 2008	60 day public comment period via survey, email, fax or post - 1st round
October 2008	Stakeholder meeting in Denver, Colorado, USA
November 2008	Collation of input and preparation of draft 1 comments report (available on RJC website)
December 2008	Stakeholder meetings in London, UK
February - June 2009	Development of Draft 2 MS standards; development of Draft 1 MS Guidance; and preparation of final draft of comments report
July 2009	Formation of RJC Consultative Panel - Mining Supplement
July - August 2009	60 day public comment period - 2nd round
August - September 2009	Collation and analysis of input and development of Draft 3 MS standards; Draft 2 MS Guidance; and Draft 1 Assessment Questions
October 2009	30 day public comment period - 3rd round
December 2009	Target: Publication of RJC Mining Supplement in updated Code of Practices and associated guidance and tools.

### Downloads

Visit <http://www.responsiblejewellery.com/supplement.html> to download Mining Supplement drafts for comment.

### Contact

For more information on the Mining Supplement and associated consultation process, or to become involved, please contact [consultation@responsiblejewellery.com](mailto:consultation@responsiblejewellery.com)

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