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Council for Responsible Jewellery Practices Releases Final Code

London, UK – The Council for Responsible Jewellery Practices (CRJP), which promotes responsible ethical, social and environmental practices throughout the diamond and gold jewellery supply chain from mine to retail, released its finalised Code of Practices at the Hong Kong Jewellery & Watch Fair, being held 18-23 September.

The 16-page Code of Practices articulates the ethical, social and environmental practices that the Council will expect of its members once its Responsible Practices Framework is fully operational in early 2008. The Code of Practices went through several reviews by CRJP's stakeholders, as well as governments, non-governmental organizations, and host communities.

"The release of CRJP's Code of Practices is a direct step forward as we work to complete our Responsible Practices Framework and monitoring system," says CRJP CEO Michael Rae, who introduced the finalised Code of Practices on Thursday, 21 September, at a CRJP event during the Hong Kong Jewellery and Watch Fair. "Now, it's on to creating a practical implementation system that will use independent third-party monitors to credibly demonstrate that the practices of CRJP's members are responsible."

To see the complete Code of Practices, visit www.responsiblejewellery.com or email info@responsiblejewellery.com and request a copy of the code.

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CRJP Announces New Members

As of 31 August 2006, the Council for Responsible Jewellery Practices has welcomed 15 new members, including additional trade associations; diamond trading, cutting and polishing companies; jewellery manufacturing or wholesale distributors; and retail businesses. The new members are:

Aurafin LLC

Boucheron

Brown Goldsmiths & Company Inc.

Bulgari S.p.A

Cendres et Metaux SA

Colormasters Gem Corp.

Cunningham Fine Jewelry Inc.

DN Gems Corp.

Goodmans Jewelers Inc.

Helzberg Diamonds

Lazare Kaplan International Inc.

Leber Jeweler Inc.

Lux Bond & Green

Manufacturing Jewelers and Suppliers of America Inc.

Reis-Nichols Inc.

“We are pleased to welcome these leading organizations to our membership,” says CRJP Programme Director Santiago Porto. “We look forward to working with them to raise the standards of practice within the diamond and gold jewellery industry.”

The new members join 39 existing members to bring the total number of companies and organizations in CRJP to 54. For a complete member list, visit www.responsiblejewellery.com/who.html. To find out how to become a CRJP member, visit www.responsiblejewellery.com/how.html.

About CRJP

The Council for Responsible Jewellery Practices (CRJP) is an international non-profit organization that promotes responsible ethical, social and environmental practices throughout the diamond and gold jewellery supply chain from mine to retail. CRJP is developing a “Responsible Practices Framework,” an initiative that requires members to maintain high responsible business practices, which will be monitored by independent third parties. For more information, visit www.responsiblejewellery.com.