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National Chain Group (formerly National Chain Company)

IS A CERTIFIED MEMBER OF THE RESPONSIBLE JEWELLERY COUNCIL

NUMBER: 0000 1871
DURATION: 3 Year

PERIOD: 03 February 2020 - 03 February 2023

STANDARD: Code of Practices 2013

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CHAIRMAN

JOHN HALL

INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR





CERTIFICATION OVERVIEW

MEMBERSHIP FORUM	Jewellery and Watch Manufacturer and/or Wholesaler
AUDIT DATE	23 August 2022
AUDIT TYPE	Mid-term Review (desktop)
APPLICABLE STANDARD	Code of Practices 2013
ACCREDITED AUDIT FIRM	SCS Global Services
APPLICABLE PROVISIONS	 General requirements: 1-4, except 3.2 Responsible supply chains and human rights: 5-14, except 6.2, 7.41, 9.3, 11.3-4 Labour rights and working conditions: 15-22, except 17.3, 19.3, 21.10 Health, Safety and Environment: 23-27, except 26.2b-e, 27 Diamonds, gold and platinum group metal products: Not applicable Responsible mining sector: Not applicable

PROVENANCE CLAIMS	Not applicable
AUDITOR STATEMENT OF CONFORMANCE	Based on the scope and findings of the certification audit, the member has demonstrated a conformance level consistent with a: 3 Year Certification
NEXT AUDIT TYPE	MID-TERM REVIEW (within 12-24 months): A. Mid-term review NOT required due to:
	No anticipated changes to the certification scope during the certification period <25 full time equivalent personnel Low risk of non-conformances due to management controls Existence of parallel audits for schemes recognised by RJC Existence of rigorous internal audit programs Strong internal controls ensuring effective review and closure of corrective actions for non-conformances
	B. Mid-term review (desktop only) required due to: No impact on conformance levels from any changes to the certification scope 2 or less minor non-conformances with critical provisions or 4 or less minor non-conformances in general identified by the audit (not covered by parallel audits for schemes identified as equivalent to RJC's) for an individual member in the mining sector or a non-mining sector member Possibility of remote verification of actions No risk to critical provisions

C. Mid-term review (with a site visit) required due to:
Known and anticipated changes to the certification scope during the certification period
Member no longer supporting external standards and initiatives recognised by RJC
3 or more minor non-conformances with critical provisions or 5 or more minor non-conformances not covered by parallel audits for schemes identified as equivalent to RJC's for any non-mining sector member or individual mining facility, if the member is in the mining sector
New systems and controls for critical provisions that could not be tested at the certification audit
Need to test new systems and controls ensuring respect for critical provisions
Facilities with risk of non-conformances with critical provisions
Other reasons presented by the lead auditor necessitating an onsite verification

CERTIFICATION SCOPE

Business name of entity/facility
National Chain
National Chain Casting
Standard Chain
National Chain Santo Domingo

Location (City and Country)
Warwick, USA
Warwick, USA
North Attleboro, USA
Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

Business Activity
Company Headquarters
Casting
Manufacturing Facility
Assembly Facility

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