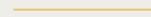




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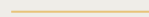


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Independent Laboratories, llc

IS A CERTIFIED MEMBER

NUMBER: 0000 5135
DURATION: 3 Year
PERIOD: February 13, 2024 - February 13, 2027
STANDARD: Code of Practices 2019



DAVID BOUFFARD
CHAIRMAN

MELANIE GRANT
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



CERTIFICATION OVERVIEW

MEMBERSHIP FORUM	Service Industry
AUDIT DATE	October 13, 2023
AUDIT TYPE	First Certification
APPLICABLE STANDARD	Code of Practices 2019
ACCREDITED AUDIT FIRM	BSI Group
APPLICABLE PROVISIONS	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. General requirements: 1-4, except 3.22. Responsible supply chains, human rights and due diligence: 5-14, except 7, 8, 9, 11.3, 13.2-4, 14.2-33. Labor rights and working conditions: 15-22, except 19.3, 21.34. Health, Safety and Environment: 23-27, except 23.6, 23.10, 27.45. Gold, Silver, PGM, diamond and coloured gemstone products: 28-30, except 28.2, 28.3, 296. Responsible mining: 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
 - 3 or less minor non-conformances with critical provisions or 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
 - <25 full time equivalent personnel
 - Low risk of non-conformances due to management controls
 - Existence of parallel audits for schemes recognized by RJC
 - 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
 - 5 or less minor non-conformances with critical provisions or 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

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- 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 recognized by RJC
 - 6 or more minor non-conformances with critical provisions or 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
 - 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
Independent Laboratories LLC

Location (City and Country)
New York, USA

Business Activity
Appraisals for insurance, fair market values for banks & other financial institutions. Gem Identification for diamonds.

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