

RJC Standards Committee Meeting

Date: 22nd September 2026

Standards Committee Meeting Attendance:

Industry Representatives	Non-Industry Experts	Guests of Committee	RJC Management Team
Attendees			
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Eduard Stefanescu (Co-Chair)• Ben Ronca• Donald Bray• Kim Wenzel• Marie-Charlotte Druesne Chancogne• Raluca Angel• Silvia Bezzone• 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sara Yood (Co-Chair)• Antonino Serra-Cambaceres• Abbi Buxton• Marcin Piersiak• Monica Barcellos Harris• Gavin Hilson	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Laure Williams	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Suzanne Brooks• Effie Marinos• Caroline Watson• Megan Gannon• Richard Williams
Apologies			
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Alexander Gul• Fiona Grant• Koen Boogaerts• Philippe Telouk• Wafa Jaffery• Francesco Giunta	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chris Vandome• Jack Judd• Laurent Massi• Maggie Gabos• 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kesah Trowell	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Purvi Shah

Introductions and Welcome

- Welcome was given to the Standards Committee, with a reminder of the anti-trust policy and Chatham house rule provided. Roll call followed this.
- Sara Yood, non-industry Co-Chair provided an insight into the CIBJO Congress in Vincenza meeting, noting key topics of discussions such as nomenclature of synthetic. Another member of the Standards Committee provided additional detail around these discussions, including nomenclature supporting responsible, ethical and sustainable.

Co-Chair and Committee Updates

- Previous meeting minutes were approved by Donald Bray and Antonino Serra-Cambaceres, representing RJC member and non-RJC member expert perspectives respectively.
- An overview was provided of the current Standards Committee composition. It was noted that Noora Jamsheer has stepped down from the Standards Committee. Two Standards Committee

members' terms are coming up for renewal at the end of this month, and the Standards team are following the procedures for potential renewals.

Supplementary Guidance – Laboratory Grown Diamond Traceability Claims

- On the 26th August, the board approved the motion to create supplementary guidance for members who choose to make laboratory-grown diamond traceability claims under provision 12 of the Laboratory-Grown Material Standard. The supplementary guidance follows the approved format as the previous guidance for COP14 with amendments to reflect the differences in sourcing and processing. A supporting implementation toolkit will be developed following completion of the COP 14 Diamond Traceability toolkit.

RJC Coloured Gemstones Task Force (RJC CGTF) Terms of Reference and Composition

- An update was provided on the Coloured Gemstone Task Force, including its purpose and composition. The proposed candidate list has been approved by the Board; however, no outreach to prospective candidates has taken place at this stage. The Task Force will support greater clarity in the implementation of relevant requirements within the 2024 Code of Practices and provide guidance to support members in conducting due diligence. Prospective Task Force members will complete the appropriate due diligence and onboarding processes before appointment.

Standards Update and Revision Pathway (2027-2030)

- In line with ISEAL requirements, an overview was provided of the potential COP, COC and LGMS revision pathways, including the distinction between a potential mid-term review and the full-revision cycle.
- The Committee discussed potential drivers that could support a mid-term review, together with substantive and non-substantive changes that could be considered should a review proceed. feedback was provided on the considerations presented and a document capturing this will be circulated for further input and reflection before the Committee is asked to consider any final recommendations. This will inform the next steps through RJC's governance process.

Diamond Traceability Toolkit

- Steps 1–4 of the diamond traceability toolkit have been completed, and the sub-committee was thanked for its contribution. The Standards Committee was asked to submit feedback on these steps by 5 October. Steps 5 and 6 are being reviewed by the sub-committee and will then be circulated to the full Standards Committee.

Expansion of COC Mined Materials

- An overview was provided on the current position of the project. The Standards Committee were reminded that this is to review potential eligible sources for mined material, starting with two ASM Standards, SBGA and the CRAFT code. A sub-committee meeting was held, where a detailed workplan was agreed on, including key steps, a scoping document, and timelines.

- Next steps include benchmarking both standards (SBGA and CRAFT), including the standards and assurance systems of each. Once the benchmarking is complete, the next step will be creating a framework for additional verification which will be workshopped with the sub-committee.

Standards Programme updates and AOB

- An overview was provided on the current benchmarking workstream, with an internal benchmarking procedure completed, and benchmarking of further standards to come next. The ISEAL evaluation scope 2 is now underway, following the conclusion of scope 1 earlier this year. An update was given on two internal projects; a resource review of existing tools and toolkits and the consolidation of internal procedures.

The meeting was closed by Industry Co-Chair, Eduard Stefanescu, with continued thanks to the Standards Committee.