



## NEWS RELEASE

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### RJC RE-CERTIFIES FOUNDING MEMBER, RIO TINTO

LONDON - RJC announced today that global mining and metals company Rio Tinto has achieved Certification against the 2013 Code of Practices (COP). The 2013 COP was released in November 2013.

“It is a pleasure to announce Rio Tinto has been certified against the 2013 COP. The new provisions under the 2013 COP address important issues for our Members and their supply chain. We are thrilled to see Members achieving Certification against the standard and warmly congratulate Rio Tinto,” says Andrew Bone, RJC’s Executive Director.

The successful verification assessment was led by Harrison Mitchell from Resource Consulting Services Limited, one of the independent third-party auditing firms accredited by the RJC.

“We are proud that our long-term commitment to environmentally and socially responsible business practices has again been recognised with this Re-Certification. I am pleased, both for our Copper businesses and their customers, that Kennecott and Oyu Tolgoi operations are both now RJC certified,” said Simon Farry, Vice President, Sales & Marketing, Copper and Coal. “At Rio Tinto, we champion responsible practices throughout the jewellery supply chain. The certification of our processes and our products gives customers confidence that their jewellery has been mined from responsible and ethical sources, and enhances the value of the gold bars we produce.”

Jean-Marc Lieberherr, Managing Director Rio Tinto Diamonds commented “Rio Tinto Diamonds is very satisfied to have all our diamond mining operations and sales and marketing offices certified as part of our RJC certification renewal. We care about the future of the global diamond and jewellery industry and we are committed to transparency and integrity in the diamond jewellery supply chain. We also believe in building sustainable partnerships with key stakeholders in the value chain, including the communities in which we operate, whether around our operations or in manufacturing centres.”

Rio Tinto is a founding member of RJC and in 2012 became the first mining company to be certified under the RJC Code of Practices. In 2013, Rio Tinto Kennecott’s gold refinery in Utah, US was certified against the RJC Chain-of-Custody Standard – another first for the mining industry.

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### **About RJC**

The Responsible Jewellery Council is an international not-for-profit standards and certification organisation. It has more than 600 Member companies that span the jewellery supply chain from mine to retail. RJC Members commit to and are independently audited against the RJC Code of Practices – an international standard on responsible business practices for diamonds, gold and platinum group metals. The Code of Practices addresses human rights, labour rights, environmental impact, mining practices, product disclosure and many more important topics in the jewellery supply chain. RJC also works with multi-stakeholder initiatives on responsible sourcing and supply chain due diligence. The RJC's Chain-of-Custody Certification for precious metals supports these initiatives and can be used as a tool to deliver broader Member and stakeholder benefit.

The RJC is a [Full Member of the ISEAL Alliance](#) – the global association for sustainability standards. For more information on RJC Members, Certification, and Standards please visit [www.responsiblejewellery.com](http://www.responsiblejewellery.com)

### **About Rio Tinto**

[Rio Tinto](#) is a leading global mining group that focuses on finding, mining and processing the Earth's mineral resources. From operations across six continents it produces a range of mineral and metal products. These include diamonds, produced by Rio Tinto's Diamonds & Minerals product group, and gold, produced by its Copper & Coal product group. With headquarters in the UK, the Rio Tinto Group comprises Rio Tinto plc – a London and New York Stock Exchange listed company, and Rio Tinto Limited – which is listed on the Australian Securities Exchange.

[Rio Tinto Diamonds](#) is a leading producer of rough diamonds, with a product portfolio that provides a presence in all major markets and market segments. The company's diamond assets comprise mines in Australia and Canada and a project in India, a sales and marketing office in Antwerp, Belgium, and a niche cutting and polishing factory in Perth, Australia for its polished pink diamond business.

Copper producer [Rio Tinto Kennecott](#) is a fully integrated mining, concentrating, smelting and refining company in the US. Kennecott's gold refinery produces high purity (Grade 99.99) gold bars.

The [Oyu Tolgoi](#) mine in Mongolia, in operation since mid-2013, produces copper concentrate containing gold. Rio Tinto operates Oyu Tolgoi, which is jointly owned by the Government of Mongolia (34 per cent) and Turquoise Hill Resources (66 per cent, of which Rio Tinto owns 51 per cent).

### **[RJC Certification Information – Rio Tinto](#)**

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