



Responsible Jewellery Council

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RESPONSIBLE JEWELLERY COUNCIL ANNOUNCES SIXTH CERTIFIED MEMBER

LONDON – The Responsible Jewellery Council (RJC) today announced that Fred Meyer Jewelers and Littman Jewelers, the third largest fine jewellery retailer in the United States, has achieved certification against the ethical, human rights, social and environmental standards as established by the RJC's Member Certification System.

The successful verification assessment of Fred Meyer Jewelers and Littman Jewelers was conducted by Specialized Technology Resources, Inc. (STR), the first independent third party auditing firm accredited to the RJC's Member Certification System.

"The RJC congratulates Fred Meyer Jewelers and Littman Jewelers on becoming the first RJC retail member solely trading in the USA to be certified. They are to be commended for the commitment and dispatch in achieving their certification status. Joining RJC in mid-2009, they took RJC's certification goal across the breadth of their retail operation as a top-line priority," says Michael Rae, RJC's Chief Executive Officer.

"We are most proud to have achieved this important certification. Safeguarding consumer confidence in jewellery products in the United States and worldwide ensures the continued success of our entire industry. Our team worked hard with our suppliers and we are most grateful to Sean Murray, our Sustainable Supply Chain Specialist and Chris Coleman, our Director of Central Memo, Reclamation and Diamond Room, for their invaluable support to accomplish the RJC Certification," says Peter Engel, President, Fred Meyer Jewelers and Littman Jewelers.

"RJC Certified Members have the recognizable benefit of belonging to an international certification system. Their reputations are solidly supported and the ultimate benefit is the enhancement of the jewellery supply chain," says Mr. Rae.

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About RJC

The Responsible Jewellery Council is an international not-for-profit organisation bringing together more than 270 member companies committed to promoting responsible ethical, human rights, social and environmental practices in a transparent and accountable manner throughout the jewellery industry from mine to retail. Their commitment aims to reinforce consumer and stakeholder confidence in diamond, gold and platinum metals jewellery products. The Council has developed the RJC Member Certification System, a certification system – which will apply to all Members’ businesses that contribute to the diamond, gold and platinum metals jewellery supply chain. All Commercial Members of the RJC are required to be audited by accredited, third party auditors to verify their conformance with the RJC’s Code of Practices and become certified under the RJC Member Certification System. A full list of its Members can be found on the web at www.responsiblejewellery.com

RJC Certified Members	
Gay Frères	http://www.responsiblejewellery.com/downloads/certification/Certification_Gay_Freres.pdf
Cartier	http://www.responsiblejewellery.com/downloads/Certification_Info_Cartier.pdf
Raymond Bloch SA	http://www.responsiblejewellery.com/members/documents/CertificationInformation-RAYMONDBLOCHSA.pdf
Metalor Technologies SA	http://www.responsiblejewellery.com/members/documents/CertificationInformation-MetalorTechnologiesSA.pdf
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Fred Meyer Jewelers and Littman Jewelers	RJC Certification Information soon available on: http://www.responsiblejewellery.com/members/retail.html

About Fred Meyer Jewelers and Littman Jewelers

Founded in 1973, Fred Meyer Jewelers is the nation’s third largest fine jewellery retailer operating nearly 400 stores in 35 states under the Fred Meyer Jewelers and Littman Jewelers brand names. The stores carry a broad assortment of engagement and wedding rings, fine jewellery for women and men, and brand-name watches. Fred Meyer Jewelers, Inc. is a wholly owned subsidiary of Fred Meyer Stores, Inc., which was acquired in 1999 by The Kroger Co. (NYSE:KR), one of the nation's largest grocery retailers.

More information on www.FredMeyerJewelers.com and www.littmanjewelers.com

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