



BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE COUNCIL

# *Rio Tinto Diamonds N.V.*

*(Previously part of Rio Tinto certification)*

IS A CERTIFIED MEMBER OF THE

## *Responsible Jewellery Council*

CERTIFIED MEMBER: 0000 0590

CERTIFICATION PERIOD: 17 JUNE 2015 – 17 JUNE 2018

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JAMES COURAGE

*Chairman*

*Responsible Jewellery Council*

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CATHERINE SPROULE

*Chief Operations Officer*

*Responsible Jewellery Council*

### *Certification Scope*

*Rio Tinto Diamonds NV, Sales and Marketing, Antwerp, Belgium - Sorting and sales office; Kennecott Utah Copper LLC, Salt Lake City, Utah, USA - Mining, refining and smelting facilities; Diavik Diamond Mines Inc., Northwest Territories, Canada - Mining facilities; Argyle Diamond Limited, Including Argyle Pink Diamond facility, Western Australia, Australia - Mining facilities.*

*(Rio Tinto London Limited, London, UK - Headquarters; Bunder Diamond Project (Rio Tinto Exploration India Limited), Bundelkhand region of Madhya Pradesh, India - Diamond project facility; Oyu Tolgoi, LLC, Gobi Desert in Southern Mongolia, Mongolia - Mining facilities; removed from scope February 2018)*

# RJC CERTIFICATION INFORMATION – CODE OF PRACTICES

## *Summary*



Responsible  
Jewellery  
Council

### *Certified Member*

Rio Tinto Diamonds NV

### *Membership Forum*

Diamond and/or Gold and/or Platinum Producer

### *Certification Number for this Certification*

0000 0590

### *Certification Period*

17 June 2015 – 17 June 2018

### *Audit Date*

25-26 February, 16-20 March, 30 March - 3 April, 15 April 2015

### *Audit Type*

Re-Certification

### *Previous Certifications*

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### *Applicable Standard*

Code of Practices 2013

### *Accredited Auditor*

Resource Consulting Services Limited  
Lead Auditor: Harrison Mitchell

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## *Applicable Provisions*

**1. General Requirements:** 1-4

**2. Responsible Supply Chains and Human Rights:** 5-12, except 7.1 and 11.4

**3. Labour Rights and Working Conditions:** 13-20

**4. Health, Safety and Environment:** 21-25

**5. Diamonds, Gold and Platinum Group Metals Products:** 26-28, except 26b,c,d and 28

**6. Responsible Mining Sector:** 29-40, except 33, 36.5 and 39.2

## *Provenance Claims*

Rio Tinto Diamonds NV keeps the rough diamond production separate from each Rio Tinto mine - Argyle, Diavik and Murowa - and can trace the diamonds from the individual mine up to the point of delivery to the customer. Argyle Diamonds Limited maintains the chain of custody of its polished pink diamonds, and is able to trace them from the point of rough diamond production at the Argyle Diamond Mine in the East Kimberley of Western Australia up to the point of delivery to its direct customers. Argyle Pink TM polished diamonds certified pursuant to a "Gem Identification and Authenticity Document" issued by Argyle Pink Diamonds (Argyle Diamonds Limited), including those set in Argyle Pink TM jewellery are sourced from the Argyle Diamond Mine, Western Australia. The copper materials containing gold entering the process are sourced largely from Kennecott's Bingham Canyon Mine. The Mined Material is Mining Byproduct and determined to be Conflict-Free by the Refiner's Due Diligence.

## *Auditor Statement of Conformance*

Based on the scope and findings of the Audit, the sites visited and the available information provided by the Member:



The Member has demonstrated a conformance level consistent with a 3 year Certification Period.



The Member has demonstrated a conformance level consistent with the transitional 1 year Certification Period for 1 year.



The Member is not eligible for RJC Certification due to having four consecutive 1 year Certification outcomes.



Critical breaches have been identified and the RJC Management Team should initiate disciplinary procedures.

## Mid-Term Review

Based on the scope and findings of the Certification Audit/Re-Certification Audit, the sites visited and the available information provided by the Member:



**A. The Member will not require a Mid-Term Review because:**



No anticipated changes to the Certification Scope during the Certification Period.



Member has < 25 full time equivalent personnel.



Low risks of changes to current conformance levels and strong management controls.



**B. The Member will require a desktop Mid-Term Review during the 3 year Certification Period to review progress on corrective action against non-conformances within 12-24 months, but a site visit is not required because:**



The actions can be verified remotely; or



No risk to Critical Provisions; or



There are parallel audit programs for equivalent recognised schemes (e.g. De Beers BPP, SA8000, OHSAS 18001, ISO14001)



**C. The Member will require a Mid-Term Review during the 3 year Certification Period that will include the need for site visits because:**



Known and anticipated changes to Certification Scope during the Certification Period



Certification Audit identified >2 Minor NCs for Critical Provisions; or > 4 Minor NCs in total



New systems and controls for Critical Provisions that could not be tested at the Certification Audit







Facilities with risk of non-conformances against Critical Provisions



Other compelling reason presented by the Lead Auditor.  
(Please state the reason):

## *Confirmation*

### **The Auditors confirm that:**

-  The information provided by the Member is true and accurate to the best knowledge of the Auditor(s) preparing this report.
-  The findings are based on verified Objective Evidence relevant to the time period for the assessment, traceable and unambiguous.
-  The scope of the assessment and the method used are sufficient to establish confidence that the findings are indicative of the performance of the Member's defined Certification Scope.
-  The Auditor(s) have acted in a manner deemed ethical, truthful, accurate professional, independent and objective.

*Auditor Signature*

On file

## *Code of Practices Certification Scope*

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RJC Members must achieve Certification against the Code of Practices within two years of joining the RJC. The Certification Scope must include those Entities, Facilities and Business Activities under the Member's Control that activity contribute to the Diamond, Gold and/or Platinum Group Metals Jewellery supply chain. This includes the following sectors, where applicable:

- Exploration and Mining
- Diamond Trading, Cutting and Polishing
- Precious Metals Refining, Trading and Hedging
- Jewellery Manufacturing and Wholesaling
- Jewellery Retailing
- Service Industries, including grading, assaying, appraising, secure transport providers and others.

## Steps in the Certification Process

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## Audit methodology

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The RJC Code of Practices documentation is comprehensive and includes an auditable standard, detailed Standards Guidance and Assessment Manual, handbook for certification and assessment tools for businesses and auditors. These are all publicly available and can be downloaded at:

<http://www.responsiblejewellery.com/rjc-certification/code-of-practices-certification13/>

Independent third-party audits are conducted by RJC Accredited Auditors to verify that a Member's business performance and its systems and processes conform to the requirements specified in the RJC Standard. The audit process is a management systems audit aligned with ISO19011. Auditors use the triangulation method of management and employee interviews, documentation review and facility observations to verify an Entity's performance against the applicable standards.

## Auditor Accreditation

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Third party auditors carrying out RJC Certification audits must be accredited by the RJC, a process which involves assessment of competence, independence and internal quality systems of the auditing firm. RJC also provides mandatory training on its standards for accredited auditors. Auditor accreditation information can be found at:

<http://www.responsiblejewellery.com/auditors/>

## RJC Complaints Mechanism

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The RJC aims to ensure the fair, timely and objective resolution of complaints relating to potential non-conformance with RJC Certification or RJC's own policies and procedures. Where complaints arise, it is a condition of participation in RJC activities for RJC Members and Accredited Auditors to submit to the RJC Complaints Mechanism and to be bound by the decisions of the RJC. However this does not replace or limit access to judicial remedies.

Full documentation supporting the RJC Complaints Mechanism can be downloaded from:

<http://www.responsiblejewellery.com/contact-us/rjc-complaints-mechanism/>