



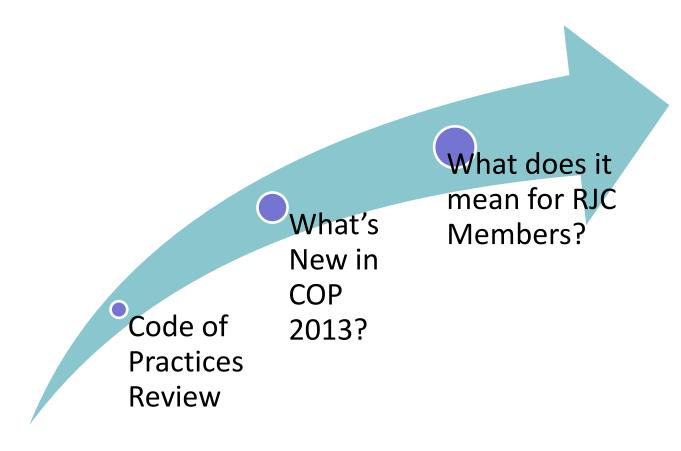
## **RJC Code of Practices 2013**

# **Overview of Changes**

**Training Module - November 2013** 



### What this webinar covers







## **RJC Code of Practices (COP)**

### **Mandatory standard for RJC Members:**

Requirement for all RJC Members to ...

- Become Certified within two years of joining; and
- Re-certify to maintain RJC Membership

#### What the RJC COP offers:

- A comprehensive standard for corporate social responsibility and sustainability issues
- A common standard for the jewellery supply chain, mine to retail
- A credible standard that can provide assurance to customers and stakeholders



#### **Code of Practices Review**



### Why?

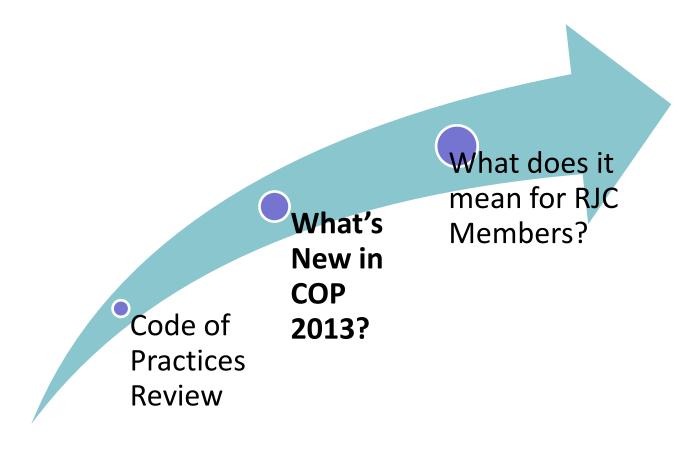
- Review 3 years of implementation
- Benchmark against evolving standards, international instruments and new legislation
- Improve guidance and tools

#### ■ How?

- ISEAL Code of Good Practice Standards Setting
- RJC multi-stakeholder Standards Committee
- Stakeholder consultation via webinars, meetings, website
- Allowed more than 18 months for full process



### What this webinar covers







### RJC CODE OF PRACTICES















## **COP 2013: Major new requirements**

## All Members

- Human Rights
- Reporting

## If Applicable

- Sourcing from Conflict-Affected Areas
- Sourcing from Artisanal Mining
- Provenance Claims
- Grading and Appraisal

## Mining Sector

- Free Prior and Informed Consent
- Mercury



### What else has changed?

- Improved wording of most provisions:
  - Make clearer exactly what Members need to do
  - Restructure at provision level to break down concepts
  - Plain English easier to translate!
- Standards Guidance
  - More detailed guidance on implementation
  - Tied directly to provision wording
  - Break-out examples and discussions of issues
  - 'Check that you have ...' summaries for each provision
- Assessment Manual
  - Combined manual for COP and Chain-of-Custody
  - Additional guidance on process and reporting





## **New and Updated Excel Toolkits**



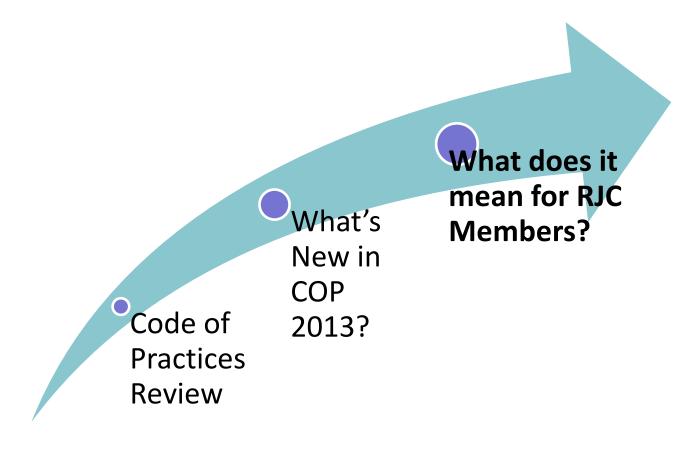


### **Mid-Term Reviews**

- Being introduced for Members on a risk-basis
  - Options: not required, desktop or site visit
- Auditor recommends to RJC whether Mid-Term Review required to check ongoing conformance during Certification Period
  - Criteria documented in Assessment Manual takes account of numbers of nonconformances, audits under other programs, existing internal controls
  - Included in RJC audit report
- Members can request Mid-Term Reviews to update Certification Scope, or conduct annual assessments of particular issues (eg Provenance Claims) to meet supply chain requests



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## 2014 is a Transition Period for the COP

I	f this applies to you	Then
	Your Certification or Re- Certification is due in 2014	Choose whether to use COP 2009 or 2013 – RJC will accept both during the transition
(	Your Certification or Re- Certification is due in 2015 or ater	You must use COP 2013
	You join the RJC from January 2014 or later <i>(except * below)</i>	You must use COP 2013
	* You opt-in to an RJC-BPP combined audit in 2014	Use COP 2009 as this is the current harmonisation model





## **Member Training and Support**

#### Aims:

- Access recorded sessions online anywhere, anytime!
- More 'bite-sized' modules: 10-20 minute sessions
- More peer learning opportunities: Member panels
- Respond to Member needs: track questions and nonconformance areas





### **Member Service Framework**

New Training Modules

Regular Topic Webinars

**COP 2013** 

Workshops and Working Groups

Help Desk