



## Responsible Jewellery Council

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### THE RESPONSIBLE JEWELLERY COUNCIL EXPANDS ITS SCOPE TO INCLUDE PLATINUM GROUP METALS

LONDON – The Responsible Jewellery Council (RJC) held its Annual General Meeting (AGM) in London on Tuesday, May 18, 2010. In addition to passing key resolutions, the Council expanded the scope of its certification system to include platinum group metals.

All resolutions proposed at the AGM were passed unanimously: the directors' report and the financial statements were accepted, Matt Runci was re-elected as RJC's Chairman, John Hall was re-elected as RJC's Vice-Chairman and Mark Jenkins was re-elected as RJC's Secretary. Additionally, Yedwa Simelane, Charles Bonas, Donna Baker, Ruth Batson and Philippe Leopold-Metzger were appointed to the board of directors to represent their respective Member Fora: -Producers, -Diamond Trading, Cutting and Polishing, -Service Industries, -Trade Associations and -Retail.

The Council also held an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM), immediately following its AGM that unanimously passed special resolutions to amend the Council's Memorandum of Association and adopt new Articles of Association. This adoption of new Articles of Association now means the scope of the RJC System has expanded to include the platinum group metals. The Articles of Association also permits the Council's board of directors to determine future amendments to the scope of the RJC System.

"I profoundly thank all those many Members who participated in the meetings through their attendance or by lodging proxies. As a democratic institution ultimately governed by its Members, Member participation in the Council's AGM and EGM is vital," says Michael Rae, the RJC's Chief Executive Officer.

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## **About RJC**

The Responsible Jewellery Council is an international not-for-profit organisation bringing together more than 230 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 group metals jewellery products.

The Council has developed the RJC System, a certification system – which will apply to all Members' businesses that contribute to the diamond, gold and platinum group 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 System. A full list of its Members can be found on the web at [www.responsiblejewellery.com](http://www.responsiblejewellery.com)

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