

# Responsible Jewellery Council Certification



...making excellence a habit."

In 2005, a group of 14 organizations from a cross section of the diamond and gold jewelry business came together to form the Council for Responsible Jewelry Practices. These founding organizations were ABN AMRO, BHP Billiton Diamonds, Cartier (part of Richemont), World Jewelry Confederation, Diamond Trading Company (part of De Beers), Diarough, Jewelers of America, National Association of Goldsmiths (UK), Newmont Mining, Rio Tinto, Rosy Blue, Signet Group, Tiffany & Co., and Zale

From these early beginings, the Responsible Jewelry Council has today:

- Become a well-known standards and certification organization for the jewelry supply chain, from mine to retail.
- Grown its Membership significantly, as **large and small businesses** from across the supply chain commit to implementing and demonstrating responsible business practices.
- Expanded to include **platinum group metals**, alongside **diamonds** and **gold**, in its scope.
- Developed **key standards** for the jewelry sector, primarily the RJC Code of Practices and the Chain-of-Custody Standard for precious metals.
- Become a full Member of the **ISEAL Alliance**, a global association for credible sustainability standards.

Responsible Jewellery Council (RJC) is the trading name for Responsible Jewellery Practices Ltd. It is not–for–profit, standards setting and certification organisation. In 2011, the RJC joined the ISEAL Alliance, the global association for social and environmental standards.

RJC has more than 1,000 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.

ISEAL represents the movement of credible and innovative sustainability standards. Its mission is to strengthen the sustainability standards for the benefit of people and the environment.

ISEAL was founded in 2002 by a group of pioneering sustainability standards systems, including the Fairtrade Labelling Organisations International (FLO), Forest Stewardship Council (FSC), and Marine Stewardship Council (MSC), Rainforest Alliance and Social Accountability International (SAI, owner of SA 8000). It provides a forum for peer support for standards and accreditation organisations and develops internationally applicable good practice guidance that is a requirement for its members.

The goals of ISEAL Alliance are to:

- Improve the impacts of standards
- Define credibility for sustainability standards
- Increase the uptake of credible sustainability standards
- Improve the effectiveness of standards, including driving innovations in standards

### **RJC** Certification

RJC Code of Practices certification provides members evidence of their responsible business practices. These can be communicated to suppliers, customers and other stakeholders through the use of RJC certified member logo, RJC Certificate itself, its members' webpage with their certification details and being on the RJC certified member list.



RJC Certification is compulsory for all RJC Commercial members within 2 years of joining RJC. Each RJC member's certification status can be found via the members' unique webpage (search the members' name on RJC website to find it).

BSI Group is an Accredited Audit firm to conduct independent third party RJC Code of Practices Audit.

Sectors we are approved to conduct RJC Audits are :-

- Diamond cutting and polishing
- Gold processing and refining
- Gold hedging or trading
- Platinum group metals hedging or trading
- Jewellery manufacturing or wholesale

Our approved auditors are from India, China and Vietnam.

#### Here is an outline of the Certification Journey:



# **About BSI Group**

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