

Chain-of-Custody Certification in the Jewellery Supply Chain – Issues and Options for RJC



Workshop

Tuesday 18 May, 2010
1pm-4pm

Venue: Arundel House
13-15 Arundel Street, London WC2R 3DX

Purpose:

The workshop welcomes RJC Members and invited stakeholders to participate in a discussion about the issues and options relating to chain-of-custody in the diamond and gold jewellery supply chain, and the feasibility of a voluntary RJC chain-of-custody certification model.

Workshop moderator:

Mick Roche
Global Manager – Product Stewardship, BHP Billiton and Co-Chair of the RJC Standards Committee

Program overview:

13.00-13.15	Opening and Welcome	Mick Roche, Moderator
	<i>Jewellery Supply Chain</i>	
13.15-13.45	RJC and chain-of-custody: review of drivers, challenges and opportunities	Fiona Solomon, Director – Standards Development, RJC
13.45-14.00	Gold and the jewellery market supply chain: a context	Philip Olden, former Managing Director and Chief Marketing Officer, World Gold Council
14.00-14.30	Open discussion	All
	<i>Conflict Resources</i>	
14.30-14.45	Due diligence for responsible supply chain management of minerals from conflict-affected and high-risk areas	Lahra Liberti, Advisor on International Investment Law, Investment Division, Directorate for Financial and Enterprise Affairs, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
14.45-15.00	Beyond conflict: reconfiguring supply chain approaches for gold and diamonds	Harrison Mitchell, Director, Resource Consulting Services
15.00-15.30	Open discussion	All
15.30-15.45	Key workshop themes – review	Michael Rae, Chief Executive Officer, RJC
15.45-16.00	Closing comments	Mick Roche, Moderator

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Speaker Bios

Fiona Solomon joined the Responsible Jewellery Council in October 2007, based in Melbourne. Her role as Director – Standards Development is to oversee the design of the RJC Certification system, including standards, guidance and resources for implementation. She works with a range of stakeholders to achieve this goal, with a view to continual improvement of the system in the coming years of operation. Prior to joining the RJC, Fiona led a team of researchers focused on social and sustainability issues of the minerals industry at Australia's Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) for more than ten years. She also worked at WWF to project manage the Mining Certification Evaluation Project during 2002-2004. She has authored and contributed to many reports and publications on social and ethical accountability and sustainable development in the mining industry, and in technology governance more generally. Fiona has a Bachelor of Engineering (Hons 1) and a PhD in philosophy of technology both from the University of Queensland, Australia. She has also completed postgraduate subjects in international political economy and global environmental politics at the University of Melbourne.

Philip Olden has over 25 years' international experience in the marketing and general management of premium branded goods and retail organisations. From 2002 to 2009, Philip was Managing Director and Chief Marketing Officer at the World Gold Council, with overall responsibility for marketing at the WGC and specific responsibility for the jewellery sector. Philip has played a leading role in revitalising demand for gold in all sectors but particularly jewellery, where he helped drive demand to record levels in all major international markets. Philip was also responsible for the WGC's CSR initiative and established the first sustainability policy for the WGC and its members, and established a positive messaging programme to support the reputation of the gold industry. He represented WGC and was a board member on the RJC, the ICMM (International Council on Mining and Metals), and CIBJO, the World Jewellery Federation.

Lahra Liberti is Advisor on International Investment Law, Investment Division, Directorate for Financial and Enterprise Affairs, OECD, Paris. Prior to her appointment at the OECD, she worked as a Research Fellow in Public International Law at the British Institute of International and Comparative Law in London and at the University of Rome "La Sapienza". Lahra holds a law degree from the University of Rome "La Sapienza" (magna cum laude) and a doctorate in International Law and European Law from both the University of Rome "La Sapienza" and the University of Paris I "Panthéon-Sorbonne". She is a qualified attorney in Italy. She has worked as a legal consultant for law firms in Rome and she has been visiting researcher at the United Nations, Geneva and at the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law, Heidelberg. She has also participated at the Centre for Studies and Research of the Hague Academy of International Law on "New Aspects of International Investment Law". She is the author of various articles on international investment law issues and specifically on investments and human rights. She has acted as editor-in-chief for a special issue of the International Law Forum (ILA Review) on the responsibility of multinational corporations under international law. She has lectured students at the University of Rome "La Sapienza".

Harrison Mitchell is a Director at Resource Consulting Services and a researcher specialising in investigations of corruption, beneficiation, politically exposed persons, commodities and minerals. He has worked for the Financial Times as a senior researcher, Global Witness - a leading anti-corruption watchdog, and since co-founding Resource Consulting Services, for a number of well-known organisations including DFID and the London School of Economics. Professional landmarks include publishing groundbreaking investigations on militarised mining for the FT and RCS, working as a researcher and writer on several investigations into corruption and conflict in Central Asia and Africa, and performing country audits of China and Lebanon for the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme for Rough Diamonds. Harrison is experienced in complex case management required for larger investigations and currently works on cases for the private, public and non-profit sectors. Harrison has worked in Africa, the Middle East, South America and Asia in a number of different countries. He is currently completing an MSc in Sociology (Human Rights) at the London School of Economics; his professional training includes libel training in the publication of investigations and operating in high risk environments.

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