Building responsible practices together
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The RJC Vision and Mission

• Our vision is a responsible world-wide supply chain that promotes trust in the global fine jewellery and watch industry.

• Our mission is to be the recognised standards and certification organisation for supply chain integrity and sustainability in the global jewellery and watch industry.
About the RJC

- Established in 2005, by the industry for the industry
- 1,200+ members covering mine to retail
- Large and small businesses from across the supply chain
- Harmonisation and recognition of similar industry standards
- Diamonds, gold, platinum group metals, silver and coloured gemstones (rubies, sapphires and emeralds)

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Membership snapshot - community of confidence
“All industries have an obligation to ensure that their supply chains are not associated with illicit trade, human rights abuses or environmental damage.”
Leading standards authority- from mine to retail

The RJC is the global standard for the jewellery supply chain.

The challenges are multifaceted and demand a comprehensive solution, especially incorporating due diligence and human rights.

• ILO Labour Standards
• Kimberley Process
• WDC System of Warranties
• OECD Due Diligence Guidance
• UN Guiding Principles on Business & Human Rights
• UN Global Compact
• SDGs & 2030 Agenda
RJC Code of Practices and Chain of Custody Standards
## RJC’s Code of Practices

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'2020 is the decade of trust and radical transparency. Transformative partnerships are the only way forward – the RJC is here to engage and collaborate'.