



Attn: H.E. António Guterres
Secretary-General
United Nations
New York,
NY 10017 USA

11th July 2019

Dear Mr. Secretary General,

The Responsible Jewellery Council with over 1200 members from mining to retail helps companies of all sizes, throughout the jewellery supply chain, meet the rising ethical demands of peers, consumers, financial institutions and civil society.

It does so by providing a clear set of standards – the RJC 'Code of Practices' - which is verified through a third party, independent, certification process. Adoption and adherence with the RJC's Code of Practices presents a pathway for companies to address sustainability best practices and align with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

We are pleased to confirm that the Responsible Jewellery Council supports the ten principles of the UN Global Compact with respect to human rights, labor, environment and anti-corruption. With this commitment, we express our intent to support the Global Compact advancing these principles and will make a clear statement of this commitment to our stakeholders and the general public.

We also pledge to participate in and engage with the UN Global Compact in the following way(s):

- Promote the 10 principles of the Global Compact through our Code of Practices
- And, particularly when engaging with private sector stakeholders, engage with Global Compact Local Networks and Governments
- Participate in UN Global Compact platforms with a focus on SDG Innovation

We recognize that a key requirement for participation in the Global Compact is the submission of a Communication on Engagement (COE) that describes our organization's efforts to support the implementation of the ten principles and to

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engage with the Global Compact. Unfortunately, due to recent structural changes such communication was not submitted.

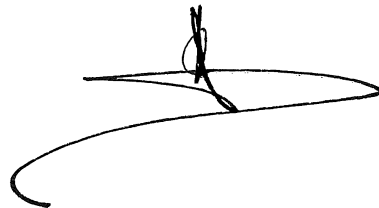
We fully support public accountability and transparency, and therefore commit to report on progress by December 2019 and every two years thereafter according to the Global Compact COE policy should our membership be reinstated.

We therefore hereby formally apply to re-join the UNGC and kindly request your confirmation that our application is accepted.

We look forward to your positive reply and remain,

Sincerely yours,

Signed:



David Bouffard
Chairman

Iris Van der Veken
Executive Director