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Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing on behalf of the Responsible Jewellery Council, an international not-for-profit organisation representing over 100 member companies in the diamond and gold jewellery supply chain. RJC Members are committed to promoting responsible ethical, human rights, social and environmental practices in a transparent and accountable manner throughout the industry from mine to retail. In January 2009, the RJC became an official Participant to the UN Global Compact.

The Council has developed the RJC System, a certification system – which will apply to all Members' businesses that contribute to the diamond and gold jewellery supply chain. Under the RJC system, all Commercial Members of the RJC will be required to be audited by accredited, third party auditors to verify their conformance with the RJC's standard – the Code of Practices. More information about the RJC System is available at www.responsiblejewellery.com

The RJC is interested in supporting the work of the Global Mercury Partnership, particularly in the areas of Mercury Waste and Artisanal and Small-Scale Gold Mining. We can offer the expertise of our staff and where appropriate, our Members, in the collaborative work of the Partnership.

We very much welcome the work of the Partnership on mercury issues and look forward to supporting the achievement of its goals.

Kindest regards

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Michael Rae
Chief Executive Officer

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