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Supply Chain Policy & Procedure

- 1) B.H.C. DIAMONDS (U.S.A.) INC (BHC) is a Diamond Trading Company. This policy confirms BHC's commitment to respect human rights, avoid contributing to the finance of conflict and comply with all relevant USA / UN sanctions, resolutions, and laws.
- 2) BHC is a member of the Responsible Jewellery Council (RJC). As such, we commit to proving, through independent third-party verification, that we:
 - a respect human rights according to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and International Labour Organization Fundamental Rights at Work.
 - b. do not engage in or tolerate bribery, corruption, money laundering or finance of terrorism.
 - c. support transparency of government payments and rights compatible security forces in the extractives industry.
 - d.do not provide direct or indirect support to illegal armed groups; and
 - e. enable stakeholders to voice concerns about the jewellery supply chain.
 - f. are implementing the OECD 5 -Step framework as a management process for risk based due diligence for responsible supply chains of minerals from conflict-affected and high-risk areas.
- 3) We also commit to using our influence to prevent abuses by others. Our supplier is not from CAHRA, and we do not procure goods from CAHRA. Our Suppliers are compliant to OECD Guidelines and/or members of the RJC.
- 4) Regarding serious abuses associated with the extraction, transport, or trade of diamonds/coloured gemstones

We will neither tolerate nor profit from, contribute to, assist, or facilitate the commission of:

- g. torture, cruel, inhuman, and degrading treatment.
- h. forced or compulsory labor.
- i. the worst forms of child labor.
- j. human rights violations and abuses; or
- k.war crimes, violations of international humanitarian law, crimes against humanity or genocide.
- 5) We will immediately stop engaging with upstream suppliers if we find a reasonable risk that they are committing abuses described in 4 or are sourcing from, or linked to, any party committing these abuses.

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- 6) Regarding direct or indirect support to non-state armed groups We only sell or purchase diamonds/colored gemstones that are fully compliant with the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme / WDC SoW and, as such, will not tolerate direct or indirect support to non-state armed groups, including, but not limited to, procuring diamonds/colored gemstones from, making payments to, or otherwise helping or equipping non-state armed groups or their affiliates who illegally:
 - Le control mine sites, transportation routes, points where diamonds/colored gemstones are traded and upstream actors in the supply chain; or
 - m. tax or extort money or diamonds/colored gemstones at mine sites, along transportation routes or at points where diamonds/colored gemstones are traded, or from intermediaries, export companies or international traders.
- 7) We will immediately stop engaging with upstream suppliers if we find a reasonable risk that they are sourcing from, or are linked to, any party providing direct or indirect support to non-state armed groups as described in paragraph 6.
- 8) Regarding public or private security forces

We affirm that the role of public or private security forces is to provide security to workers, facilities, equipment, and property in accordance with the rule of law, including law that guarantees human rights. We will not provide direct or indirect support to public or private security forces that commit abuses described in paragraph 4 or that act illegally as described in paragraph 6.

9) Regarding bribery and fraudulent misrepresentation of the origin of diamonds/colored gemstones

We will not offer, promise, give or demand bribes, and will resist the solicitation of bribes, to conceal or disguise the origin of diamonds/colored gemstones, or to misrepresent taxes, fees and royalties paid to governments for the purposes of extraction, trade, handling, transport, and export of diamonds.

10) Regarding money laundering

We will support and contribute to efforts to eliminate money laundering where we identify a reasonable risk resulting from, or connected to, the extraction, trade, handling, transport, or export of diamonds/colored gemstones.

President Chirag Gandhi