

# **Fair Trade Jewellery**

Disclosure Report

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## **Disclosure Materials**

Certified B Corporations must complete a Disclosure Questionnaire to identify potentially sensitive issues related to the company (e.g. historical fines, sanctions, material litigation, or sensitive industry practices).

This component does not affect the company's score on the B Impact Assessment. If the company answers affirmatively to any items in the Disclosure Questionnaire that B Lab deems relevant for public stakeholders, then, as a condition of their certification, the company must:

- Be transparent about details of the disclosure issues identified on the company's public B Impact Report
- 2) Describe how the company has addressed this issue
- 3) Demonstrate that management practices are in place to avoid similar issues from arising in the future, when necessary.

In all cases, the Standards Advisory council reserves the right to refuse certification if the company is ultimately deemed not to uphold the spirit and integrity of the community.

In addition to the voluntary indication of sensitive issues in the Disclosure Questionnaire, companies pursuing Certification also are subject to a background check by B Lab staff. Background checks include a review of public records, news sources, and search engines for company names, brands, executives/founders, and other relevant topics.

Sensitive issues identified through background checks may or may not be within the scope of questions in the Disclosure Questionnaire, but undergo the same review process and are subject to the same possible review by the Standards Advisory Council, including ineligibility for B Corp Certification, required remediation, or disclosure.

This document contains a copy of the company's completed Disclosure Questionnaire and related disclosure documentation provided by the company



## **Disclosure Questionnaire**

#### **Industries and Products**

#### Yes No Please indicate if the company is involved in production of or trade in any of the following. Select Yes for all options that **Animal Products or Services** $\boxed{}$ **Biodiversity Impacts** $\square$ Chemicals $\boxed{}$ **Disclosure Alcohol** $\square$ **Disclosure Firearms Weapons** $\boxed{}$ **Disclosure Mining** $\boxed{}$ **Disclosure Pornography** $\boxed{}$ **Disclosure Tobacco** $\boxed{}$ **Energy and Emissions Intensive** $\boxed{}$ Industries Gambling $\square$ **Genetically Modified Organisms** $\square$ Illegal Products or Subject to $\square$ **Phase Out** Industries at Risk of Human $\overline{\mathbf{A}}$ Rights Violations **Monoculture Agriculture Nuclear Power or Hazardous** $\square$ Materials Payday, Short Term, or High $\overline{\mathbf{A}}$ **Interest Lending Water Intensive Industries** $\square$ **Tax Advisory Services** $\square$

#### **Outcomes & Penalties**

	Yes	No	
Please indicate if the company has had any formal complaint to a regulatory agency or been assessed any fine or sanction in the past five years for any of the following practices or policies. Check all that apply.			
Anti-Competitive Behavior		$\checkmark$	
Breaches of Confidential Information		N.	
Bribery, Fraud, or Corruption		N.	
Company has filed for bankruptcy		$\checkmark$	
Consumer Protection		<b>V</b>	
Financial Reporting, Taxes, Investments, or Loans		$\searrow$	
Hazardous Discharges Into Air/Land/Water (Past 5 Yrs)		V	
Labor Issues		$\checkmark$	
Large Scale Land Conversion, Acquisition, or Relocation		N	
Litigation or Arbitration		$\vee$	
On-Site Fatality		V	
Penalties Assessed For Environmental Issues		V	
Political Contributions or International Affairs		Y	
Recalls		$\checkmark$	
Significant Layoffs		V	
Violation of Indigenous Peoples Rights		V	
Other		$\checkmark$	



### **Practices**

	Yes	No
Please indicate if the following statements are true regarding whether or not the company engages in the following practices. Check all that apply. If the statement is true, select "Yes." If false, select "No."		
Animal Testing		$\vee$
Company/Suppliers Employ Under Age 15 (Or Other ILO Minimum Age)		$\checkmark$
Company prohibits freedom of association/collective bargaining		V
Company workers are prisoners		$\checkmark$
Conduct Business in Conflict Zones		$\checkmark$
Confirmation of Right to Work		$\checkmark$
Does not transparently report corporate financials to government		$\vee$
Employs Individuals on Zero-Hour Contracts		$\vee$
Facilities located in sensitive ecosystems		$\vee$
ID Cards Withheld or Penalties for Resignation		$\vee$
No formal Registration Under Domestic Regulations		<b>∀</b>
No signed employment contracts for all workers		<b>∀</b>
Overtime For Hourly Workers Is Compulsory		V
Payslips not provided to show wage calculation and deductions		N

	Yes	No
Sale of Data		V
Tax Reduction Through Corporate Shells		N
Workers cannot leave site during non-working hours		N
Workers not Provided Clean Drinking Water or Toilets		N
Workers paid below minimum wage		V
Workers Under Bond		✓
Other		$\checkmark$

## Supply Chain Disclosures

	Yes	No
Please indicate if any of the following statements are true regarding your company's significant suppliers.		
Business in Conflict Zones		$\checkmark$
Child or Forced Labor		$\checkmark$
Negative Environmental Impact		$\checkmark$
Negative Social Impact		$\checkmark$
Other		$\checkmark$



## **Disclosure Questionnaire Statement**

**Disclosure Questionnaire Category: Industries at Risk of Human Rights Violations** 

Topic	Company produces jewellery using precious metals, diamonds, and gemstones
Summary of Issue	Fair Trade Jewellery Co. manufactures jewellery made from precious metals, diamonds, and gemstones, which are raw material supply chains generally recognized as posing a human rights risk.
Size/Scope of Issue (e.g. \$ financial implication, # of individuals affected)	Approximately 54% of the company's supplier expenses are from precious metals, diamonds, and gemstones.
Impact on Stakeholder(s)	The use of precious metals and gemstones poses a human rights risk due to the possibility that they are sourced from conflict-affected and high-risk areas, where they may be used to finance conflict and/or be associated with human rights abuses in the supply chain.  B Lab has flagged the jewelry industry as a material issue after Fair Trade Jewellery Co. was already a Certified B Corp. Should
	specific performance requirements be created for companies in this industry, Fair Trade Jewellery Co. would be required to meet these standards by a future recertification date.
Implemented Management Practices	<ul> <li>Fair Trade Jewellery Co. sources gold that is certified recycled from a Responsible Jewellery Council Certified (RJC Certified) refiner, and artisanal gold certified under the Fairmined standard.</li> <li>Its diamonds are either recycled, lab-grown, or sourced directly from Canada,</li> <li>Its gemstones are either recycled, lab-grown, or sourced from suppliers in Sri Lanka, Australia, Madagascar, or the U.S. The company chooses those origins because the gems are cut and polished in the country of origin orin the case of Australia, they are pre-formed in Australia and then finished in Thailand,</li> <li>Origins are verified by an independent, ISO-certified Gem lab in New York and those origins are listed on the certificates they issue for each gem.</li> </ul>



Report	Fair Trade Jewellery Co. was recognized by Human Rights Watch for exceptional work in supply chains (see: <a href="https://www.hrw.org/report/2018/02/08/hidden-cost-jewelry/human-rights-supply-chains-and-responsibility-jewelry">https://www.hrw.org/report/2018/02/08/hidden-cost-jewelry/human-rights-supply-chains-and-responsibility-jewelry</a> )