



## 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 and B Lab deems them to be material, the company must:

- 1) Be transparent about 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 systems are in place to avoid similar issues from arising in the future.

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

In addition to the voluntary indication of sensitive issues in the Disclosure Questionnaire, companies pursuing Certification also are subject to background checks 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

PROVIDED BY:

MRK Fine Arts

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05/11/2020

Industries & Products	Yes	No
Please indicate if the company is involved in production of or trade in any the following. Select Yes for all options that apply.		
Animal Products or Services		✓
Biodiversity Impacts		✓
Chemicals		✓
Company Explanation Of Disclosure Item Flags		✓
Disclosure Alcohol		✓
Disclosure Firearms Weapons		✓
Disclosure Mining		✓
Disclosure Pornography		✓
Disclosure Tobacco		✓
Energy and Emissions Intensive Industries		✓
Fossil fuels		✓
Gambling		✓
Genetically Modified Organisms		✓
Illegal Products or Subject to Phase Out		✓
Industries at Risk of Human Rights Violations	✓	
Monoculture Agriculture		✓
Nuclear Power or Hazardous Materials		✓
Payday, Short Term, or High Interest Lending		✓
Water Intensive Industries		✓
Other		✓

  

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		✓
Child or Forced Labor		✓
Negative Environmental Impact		✓
Negative Social Impact		✓
Other		✓

  

Other Disclosures	Yes	No
		✓

Outcomes & Penalties	True	False
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		✓
Breaches of Confidential Information		✓
Bribery, Fraud, or Corruption		✓
Company Explanation Of Disclosure Item Flags		✓
Company has filed for bankruptcy		✓
Consumer Protection		✓
Financial Reporting, Taxes, Investments, or Loans		✓
Hazardous Discharges Into Air/Land/Water (Past 5 Yrs)		✓
Labor Issues		✓
Large Scale Land Conversion, Acquisition, or Relocation		✓
Litigation or Arbitration		✓
On-Site Fatality		✓
Penalties Assessed For Environmental Issues		✓
Political Contributions or International Affairs		✓
Recalls		✓
Significant Layoffs		✓
Violation of Indigenous Peoples Rights		✓
Other		✓

  

Practices	True	False
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		✓
Company/Suppliers Employ Under Age 15 (Or Other ILO Minimum Age)		✓
Company Explanation Of Disclosure Item Flags		✓
Company prohibits freedom of association/collective bargaining		✓
Company workers are prisoners		✓
Conduct Business in Conflict Zones		✓
Confirmation of Right to Work		✓
Does not transparently report corporate financials to government		✓
Employs Individuals on Zero-Hour Contracts		✓
Facilities located in sensitive ecosystems		✓
ID Cards Withheld or Penalties for Resignation		✓
No formal Registration Under Domestic Regulations		✓
No signed employment contracts for all workers		✓
Overtime For Hourly Workers Is Compulsory		✓
Payslips not provided to show wage calculation and deductions		✓
Sale of Data		✓
Tax Reduction Through Corporate Shells		✓
Workers cannot leave site during non-working hours		✓
Workers not Provided Clean Drinking Water or Toilets		✓
Workers paid below minimum wage		✓
Workers Under Bond		✓
Other		✓



## B Corp Certification - Disclosure Questionnaire Documentation

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<b>DISCLOSURE QUESTIONNAIRE CATEGORY</b>	Industries at risk for human rights violations
<b>TOPIC</b>	Company sells precious metal jewelry
<b>SUMMARY OF ISSUE</b>	<p>MRK Fine Arts is a jewelry retailer whose products utilize precious metals and gemstones -- raw materials that could be considered conflict minerals pose a potential human rights risk. In an effort to ensure conflict-free sourcing of their raw materials:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- 97% of the company's precious metals (gold and silver) are sourced from Responsible Jewelry Council Certified suppliers (RJC certified). The remaining 3% comes from a supplier assured by the London Bullion Market Association (LBMA assured).</li><li>- Diamonds represent 5% of the company's overall raw material expenses. 80% of diamonds sourced by the company are covered by RJC certification. The remaining 20% are covered by the Kimberly Process Certification Scheme.</li><li>- Emeralds and rubies are rarely sourced by the company, but when purchased they are compliant with the Jade Act which prohibits sourcing from Burma.</li></ul>
<b>SIZE/SCOPE OF ISSUE</b> (e.g. \$ financial implication, # of individuals affected)	Approximately 90% of the company's Cost of Goods Sold comes from raw materials that would be considered a high risk for human rights violations, including gold, silver, diamonds, and other gemstones.
<b>IMPACT ON STAKEHOLDER(S)</b>	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>IMPLEMENTED MGT PRACTICES</b>	In addition to the supplier certifications listed above, MRK Fine Arts visits its factories in person at least once a year. The company conducts a supplier assessment as well as provides its supplier code of conduct to all suppliers, which requires all diamonds be accompanied by a Kimberly Process Certificate.