WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT CONFLICT DIAMONDS!

Conflict diamonds are diamonds that may originate from areas once controlled by forces or factions opposed to legitimate and internationally recognized governments, and used to fund military action in opposition to those governments.

A Two-Pronged Solution:
To eliminate the traffic in “conflict diamonds” governments, the international diamond and jewelry industry, and non-governmental organizations have developed a two-pronged solution that provides greater assurance to consumers about the legitimate origin of their diamonds and diamond jewelry.

The Kimberley Process: A government-regulated system adopted in 2000 by more than 40 countries, the United Nations, and the diamond industry to control the export and import of rough diamonds across borders. It requires that rough diamonds mined after January 1, 2003 be shipped in tamper-resistant containers and accompanied by government-validated Kimberley Process Certificates. Only participating countries may legitimately export rough diamonds—and only to co-participating countries.

Voluntary System of Warranties: To strengthen the government program, the international diamond and jewelry industry represented by the World Diamond Council (WDC) initiated and committed to a voluntary system of warranties. It requires that every time diamonds—rough, polished or diamond jewelry—change hands, the seller will affirm on the invoice that the diamonds have been purchased through authorized channels not involved in funding conflict.

HERE’S HOW IT WORKS:

The Voluntary System of Warranties does NOT require the warranty to appear on the consumer’s receipt.

Any rough diamond imported into a participating country without a Kimberley Process Certificate will be turned back or impounded by Customs.

Rough diamonds accompanied by a government-validated Kimberley Process Certificate are imported into a participating country.

At the counter you may be asked about “conflict diamonds.” You can assure your customers that Stephen Einhron Ltd. supports the Kimberley Process and only buys diamonds from manufacturers that adhere to the Voluntary System of Warranties.

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Traders in rough and polished diamonds and diamond jewelry agree only to buy diamonds that originate from countries that implement the Kimberley Process.