



ILA Sustainability Report 2020

The ILA family has over 40 years of diamantaire and gemstone experience. Over the years, ILA has cultivated personal relationships with cutting factories and mining companies. ILA sources directly from these factories ensuring that the ILA diamonds and gemstones are sourced in a sustainable manner.

Diamond Sustainability

ILA's diamond suppliers source their diamond rough from the De Beers Global Sightholder Sales (formally known as Diamond Trading Company). As a sightholder the ILA's suppliers are contractually obliged to abide by the De Beers Best Practice Principles (BPP) and audited annually. The BPP Assurance Programme provides evidence to supply chain partners, consumers and other interested stakeholders that the exploration, extraction, sorting, cutting and polishing owned or controlled by the De Beers Group of Companies and by their Sightholders, are undertaken in a professional, ethical and environmentally friendly and accountable way. Critically, BPP provides a means of checking compliance with requirements relating to anti-money laundering and terrorism financing activities, as well as independent monitoring to ensure that the obligations of the Kimberley Process are satisfied. The BPP Requirements incorporate best practice measuring and reporting standards, such as the standard of Social Accountability International (SA8000) and the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI).

Gemstone Sustainability

The sourcing arm at ILA works very closely with their gemstone factories. The ILA gemstone buyers visit the factories on a continuing basis to create the unique cuts that are prevalent in the line. A major part of the ILA buying process is to ensure that the factories abide by the stringent processes that ILA upholds in its own workshop and to ensure that the rough is sourced from sustainable mines.

Precious Metal Sustainability

ILA uses recycled precious metals from United Precious Metals, a metallurgy company certified by the The Conflict-Free Sourcing Initiative and by the SCS Recycled Content Standard V6-0. ILA also uses their client's unused jewelry, circumventing any mining processes in the precious metals they craft their jewelry from.

Sustainable Workshop

The ILA workshop returns hand craftsmanship back to America. By controlling both the design and production in-house, the brand stands as a symbol of quality craftsmanship and sustainable practices. At ILA, intention is as important as design. Each piece of jewelry is meticulously handcrafted by ILA artisans in recycled gold and responsibly mined gemstones. The brand has also made a commitment to support their community by creating an apprenticeship program to ensure the survival of their art form in America.