

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
December 17, 2012**

**ORDER GRANTING CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT  
UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**Charles & Colvard, Ltd.**

**File No. 0-23329 - CF#28944**

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Charles & Colvard, Ltd. submitted an application under Rule 24b-2 requesting confidential treatment for information it excluded from the Exhibits to a Form 8-K filed on October 25, 2012.

Based on representations by Charles & Colvard, Ltd. that this information qualifies as confidential commercial or financial information under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4), the Division of Corporation Finance has determined not to publicly disclose it. Accordingly, excluded information from the following exhibit(s) will not be released to the public for the time period(s) specified:

Exhibit 10.1                      through October 19, 2015

For the Commission, by the Division of Corporation Finance, pursuant to delegated authority:

Mara L. Ransom  
Assistant Director