

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Bird Richard A.</u>	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 05/27/2008	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>CHARLES &amp; COLVARD LTD [ CTHR ]</u>	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)
(Last) (First) (Middle) 300 PERIMETER PARK DR., STE A			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
(Street) MORRISVILLE NC 27560			
(City) (State) (Zip)			

## Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
common stock	104,650	D	
common stock	69,021	I	By Spouse

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			

Explanation of Responses:

James R. Braun by Power of Attorney      05/28/2008

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person      Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5 (b)(v).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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Securities and Exchange Commission  
100 F Street, N.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20549

Re: Charles & Colvard, Ltd.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to General Instruction 7 to each of Form 3 (Initial Statement of Beneficial Ownership of Securities), Form 4 (Statement of Changes of Beneficial Ownership of Securities) and Form 5 (Annual Statement of Beneficial Ownership of Securities) promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") pursuant to Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), the undersigned director of Charles & Colvard, Ltd. (the "Company") hereby authorizes and designates Robert S. Thomas, Cyrus M. Johnson, and James R. Braun, and each of them, to execute and file with the Commission on the undersigned's behalf any and all statements on Form 3, Form 4 or Form 5 relating to the undersigned's beneficial ownership of securities of the Company as required by Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act and the rules of the Commission promulgated thereunder. This authorization and designation shall be effective for so long as the undersigned remains subject to the provisions of Section 16 of the Exchange Act.

Effective as of the 28th day of May, 2008.

/s/ Richard A. Bird  
Name: Richard A. Bird

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