## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION March 23, 2012

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

## Charles & Colvard, Ltd.

File No. 000-23329 - CF#27850

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 January 30, 2012, as amended on March 20, 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 January 24, 2017

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

Brigitte Lippmann Special Counsel