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Avon to Buy Jewelry Seller Silpada for \$650 Million

July 12 (Bloomberg) -- Avon Products Inc., the world's largest door-to-door cosmetics seller, agreed to buy jewelry company Silpada Designs Inc. for at least \$650 million to broaden its product line.

Avon will make a potential additional payment in early 2015 to current Silpada shareholders if earnings growth targets are achieved, New York-based Avon said today in a statement. The purchase may add 3 cents to 5 cents a share in 2011 profit.

Chief Executive Officer Andrea Jung has pursued acquisitions to expand beyond beauty products, which accounted for more than 70 percent of Avon's \$10 billion in sales last year. Closely held Silpada, with operations in the U.S., Canada and the U.K., gives Avon control of the largest and fastest-growing direct seller of sterling silver jewelry. [Read more ...](#)