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GJEPC to hold the first India Global Connect Business Meet for Indian Manufacturers and UK Jewellery Retail

24th September, 2020 Mumbai: Gem & Jewellery Export Promotion Council, the apex body of gem & jewellery trade in India, in its endeavour to boost exports from India, is organising an exclusive Virtual Business Meet in order to connect Jewellery Manufacturers from India to leading Retailers/wholesalers of UK.

The India Global Connect conference will provide platform to explore opportunities, understand business needs and help further trade between the two nations in gems and jewellery sector. The first India Global Connect virtual Business meet is scheduled at 4:00 pm (India), 11:30 am (UK) on 28th September, 2020. (Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87643261483>)

Colin Shah, Chairman, GJEPC said, “The pandemic has forced us to look for innovative ways to reach out to the global business fraternity, and India Global Connect is one such endeavour where manufacturers, exporters and importers have an opportunity to gain crucial market insights to further enhance their business. India’s \$35 billion gem and jewellery export industry has the wherewithal to deliver client-specific product to every major world market. I am confident that the India Global Connect virtual platform will open up new avenues and deepen knowledge sharing between the two trade partners.”

Representatives of the following companies will be participating at the India Global Connect: Richard Hunt of Richard Hunt Jewellers; Emmet Cummins of Master Jewellers; Gemma Murphy of Jack Murphy, Pravin Pattni of Minar Jewellers, Helen Dimmick, Independent Consultant and a representative of the National Association of Jewellers; Mehul Lodhiya, a UK importer and honorary representative of the GJEPC; Gary Wroe of Hockley Mint, and Paul Beesley, Baird & Co; Samantha Somers, Watches of Switzerland; Andrew Morton of Weston Beamor; Andrew Hinds of F Hinds / Chappelle.

The Indian participants are Sheetal Diamonds Ltd; Hare Krishna Jewels; Goldstar Jewellery Pvt. Ltd.; P. Hirani Exports LLP; Laxmi Diamond Pvt. Ltd.; Vaibhav Global; Ornamentations India Pvt. Ltd.; Lunawat Gems Corporation; Tanvirkumar & Company, Diatrends Jewellery Pvt. Ltd.

David Brough from Jewellery Outlook, UK will be moderating the conference. To know more about the India Global Connect you can visit <https://youtu.be/Uub5ExUePk0>

During this pandemic, GJEPC has been taking a host of other activities to support and revive the Indian gem and jewellery industry. GJEPC has already organised virtual Buyer-Seller

Meets on Loose Diamonds and Plain Gold Jewellery which gave buyers from across the world the opportunity to connect with Indian manufacturers and do business from the comfort of their home/offices. GJEPC has plans to organise VBSMs on Studded jewellery, platinum jewellery, and costume jewellery soon. GJEPC's flagship show IJS will be organised in a virtual format from 12th to 16th October, 2020.

The Indian gem and jewellery industry is the preferred gem and jewellery sourcing destination for the world. It is the world leader in cut and polished diamonds with 14 out of 15 diamonds set in jewellery worldwide processed in India. India is also one of the largest exporters of jewellery to the world. India has been upgrading and enhancing its skills by adapting state-of-the-art technologies and tools for jewellery manufacturing and today it caters to any jewellery requirement of the world market.

About The Gem and Jewellery Export Promotion Council (GJEPC)

The Gem & Jewellery Export Promotion Council (GJEPC), set up by the Ministry of Commerce, Government of India (GoI) in 1966, is one of several Export Promotion Councils (EPCs) launched by the Indian Government, to boost the country's export thrust, when India's post-Independence economy began making forays in the international markets. Since 1998, the GJEPC has been granted autonomous status. The GJEPC is the apex body of gems & jewellery industry and today represents 7000 exporters in the sector. With headquarters in Mumbai, GJEPC has Regional Offices in New Delhi, Kolkata, Chennai, Surat and Jaipur, all of which are major centres for the industry. It thus has a wide reach and is able to have a closer interaction with members to serve them in a direct and more meaningful manner. Over the past decades, GJEPC has emerged as one of the most active EPCs, and has continuously strived to both expand its reach and depth in its promotional activities as well as widen and increase services to its members.