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IGI To Bring Diamond Grading Education and Full Gemological Services to Panama

NEW YORK – In an effort to provide Panama area diamond and jewelry manufacturers and retailers a competitive advantage, the International Gemological Institute (IGI) will host educational and grading activities in Panama City, Panama in late October.

The Institute, in conjunction with the Panama Diamond Exchange, is organizing a diamond grading seminar on Monday, October 25 for Panamanian jewelers to learn about state-of-the-art grading procedures and the importance of certification to retailers and end consumers. The seminar, which is free of charge, will take place from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the [Bristol Hotel](#), located in the heart of Panama City's bustling Financial Center.

IGI will also offer its independent diamond grading services Oct. 25 – 29 on-site at the [Panama Diamond Exchange](#). The Institute is currently accepting appointment reservations.

To reserve a seat at the seminar (no cost) and/or to make diamond grading appointments, contact the Institute at info@igi-usa.com or call 1-888-BUY-IGIS (toll free).

Jewelers who submit items for report services are eligible to become IGI subscribers, which qualifies them to receive an array of retail support materials, including:

- IGI subscriber plaque
- IGI company seal decals for window displays “Gems and Jewelry Sold with Integrity”
- Hard plastic counter cards, displaying the 4Cs of diamond grading
- Gemological informational and educational handouts, including grading charts and gemological definitions
- IGI videos including training for sales staff, as well as “at point of purchase” for the consumer

Activity Details:

Diamond Grading Breakfast Seminar

October, 25, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Bristol Hotel, Avenida Aguilino De La Guardia, Panama City, Panama

Diamond Grading Services

October, 25 – 29

Panama Diamond Exchange, Torre de las Americas, Punta Pacifica, Panama City, Panama

The International Gemological Institute, the world's largest independent laboratory for testing and evaluating gemstones and fine jewelry, was established in 1975 in Antwerp and is located in New York City, Los Angeles, Toronto, Hong Kong, Mumbai, the Seepz Zone, Kolkata, New Delhi, Dubai, Bangkok, Tokyo and Tel Aviv. IGI is an ISO accredited worldwide organization. For additional information, please visit <http://www.igionline.com/>.

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