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SMALL IS BIG

IGI certified the World's smallest diamond

Mumbai, April 2010: International Gemological Institute (IGI), the world's largest independent laboratory for testing and grading gemstones and fine jewelry, graded and certified the smallest diamond in the world. IGI now has to its credit, certifying the world's smallest diamond from Bhavani Gems.

Bhavani Gems created a record of manufacturing the world's smallest certified cut and polished diamond with 57 facets weighing just 0.0003 carat or 0.00006 grams (3,333.33 per carat). The company has named the diamond as Bhavani Mikro.

On the occasion, **Mr. Tehmasp Printer, Managing Director, IGI India** said - "Surat is always known for cutting and polishing smaller stones. Cutting and polishing of diamonds of 0.002 carat i.e. 500 stones per carat is normal in Surat but polishing a hand cut diamond of this size is an art. The diamond looks like a grain of sand to the naked eye. It speaks of volumes of the technological superiority of the Industry here. It feels like a grain of sand in one's hand."

Shri Manjibhai Dholakia, Founder and Chairman, Bhavani Gems adds, "Taking my ethos of innovation as the driving force, I gave my workers the challenge of creating the smallest certified hand cut and polished diamond. Being pioneers in bringing-in new technologies, we felt it was important to test ourselves. Considering our prowess in manufacturing and craftsmanship I am proud of my highly qualified and perfectionist team's achievement."

Shri Raj Dholakia, a partner in Bhavani Gems states, "Surat is the hub of diamond processing industry in the world and now we have added a star to the already star-studded image. This one-of-its-kind diamond, which actually looks like a grain of sand to the naked. Having 57 facets, this is a unique piece of art and all the industry experts have been appreciating this accomplishment. This record is also acknowledged by "Limca Book of Records".

About Bhavani Gems:

Bhavani Gems has earned a reputation of being innovators in the sphere of diamond processing. Its R&D department is constantly pushing limits to add value to the rough through manufacturing expertise.

About IGI:

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, MIDC, Kolkata, New Delhi, Tel Aviv, Dubai, Bangkok, Tokyo, Thrissur and Surat. IGI is an ISO accredited worldwide organization. For additional information, please visit - igiworldwide.com.

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