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To,

**All Members of the Council**

Dear Members,

We would like to draw your attention to an international news article published by diamond intelligence brief. The article is in the form of an investigative report, whereby the summary of facts indicate that a firm of Indian origin is conducting diamond trade in a fraudulent manner by offering CVD Lab-Grown Diamonds with original Natural Diamond Certificates issued by reputed Lab & laser engravings on CVD which matches that of GIA certificate.

Through DIB's own internal investigation, they were able to procure from the fraudulent trader a list of real Certificate numbers related to such transaction of CVD stones, and we understand the same has been confirmed by the GIA Lab as genuine natural diamond certificates as indicated in the article.

The article casts an apprehension on the reputation of the Indian diamond industry and has the potential to inflict irreparable damage to the industry.

Hence, for well being of the diamond industry, we earnestly request the trade members to be cautious about the misuse of Certificate issued for Natural Diamond by any Testing Laboratory and also refrain from such trade practices. Requesting every trade member not to give away or sell or throw away empty lab certificates, to prevent the misuse of the same.

We also request the members to report to GJEPC any such instances brought to your notice and also keep the trail of the Lab Certificates procured by you and passed on to the buyer.

Every trade member is requested to treat this as a matter of utmost significance, and take necessary steps to prevent such fraudulent practices by unscrupulous traders.

Looking forward to your continued support in the interest of the trade.

Thanking you,

With Best Regards,

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