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GJEPC organises India Rough Gemstone Sourcing Show 2021 in Jaipur Coloured Gemstone Manufacturers to access Rough gemstones directly From the Miners of Zambia and Mozambique

15th March 2021, Jaipur: The Gem & Jewellery Export Promotion Council, the apex body of Gem & Jewellery trade in India, inaugurated **the India Rough Gemstones Sourcing Show 2021 (IRGSS 2021)** in the presence of **Shri S. C. Agrawal, Commissioner of Customs, Jaipur** along with GJEPC Regional Chairman (Rajasthan Region) Shri Nirmal Kumar Bardiya, and CoA members Shri Vijay Kedia, Shri Ram Babu Gupta, and Shri Badri Narayanan Gupta, amongst others. The show is held from 13th March 2021 to 19th April 2021 at Jaipur.

IRGSS 2021 is witnessing Rough Emerald supplier from Zambia and Rough Ruby supplier from Mozambique. The travel restrictions due to pandemic limited the manufacturing as Coloured Gemstone industry is largely import based with dependency on Raw material for manufacturing. The main objective of the show is to provide direct sourcing of rough gemstones by Indian gemstone manufacturers without having to travel to different mining countries.

Colin Shah, Chairman, GJEPC said, “Jaipur is the global hub for cutting and polishing of coloured gemstones. It processes more than 300 different varieties of precious and semi-precious gemstones which includes Emerald, Tanzanite, Morganite and many other gemstones. However, being an import-oriented industry, availability of good quality rough gemstones is a prerequisite for the sector. By organising India Rough Gemstones Sourcing Show, GJEPC is making sure that the export activities resume in full throttle as manufacturing activities are back to normal and there is ease in Covid Crisis. The aim is to give direct access of rough gemstones to manufacturers without having to travel to different mining countries for sourcing roughs.”

The second edition of IRGSS too is organised, following all the necessary Central government's health departments and state Government's safety guidelines laid for COVID-19 like Social Distancing, disinfection, compulsory wearing of masks etc.

GJEPC, the organisers of the show, has ensured not more than 20 visitors will be allowed to visit the show at a given point of time, to avoid large gathering.

As there are no gemstone mines in India, it has always been a challenge to get consistent and continuous supply of roughs for the Indian gem cutting and polishing industry. Shows like the IRGSS will ensure that the gemstone manufacturers get an opportunity to network and build relationship with miners from across the world. Thus, helping them to have continuous supply of roughs.

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.