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**Press Release**

**Signature India International Jewellery Show (IJS) 9<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> Feb 2018 &  
Indian Gem & Jewellery Machinery Exhibition (IGJME) 2018 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> Feb 2018**

India is one of the largest exporters of gems and jewellery and the industry plays a vital role in the Indian economy by contributing a significant proportion of the foreign exchange reserves of the country. Net exports of gems and jewellery from India rose at a rate of 7.01 per cent between Fiscal Year (FY) 2005 and 2017 rising from US\$ 15.66 billion to US\$ 35.59 billion during this period.

The Government of India is focusing on making India the “Innovation hub for Designer Jewellery”, The Gem & Jewellery Export Promotion Council (GJEPC) of India under the sponsorship of the Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India, is organizing 11<sup>th</sup> edition of Signature India International Jewellery Show (IJS) from 9<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> February 2018 and 5<sup>th</sup> Edition of Indian Gem & Jewellery Machinery Exhibition (IGJME) 2018 from 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at Bombay Exhibition Centre (BEC) in Mumbai, India.

The jewellery fraternity of Qatar is welcome to utilize this platform to explore the opportunities offered by the India’s gems and jewellery sector as the Indian domestic market is expected to grow at a rate of CAGR of 13 per cent to reach the US\$ 80-85 billion mark by 2018. Some of the key investments in this industry are listed below:

- The International Institute of Diamond Grading & Research (IIDGR) has invested US\$ 5 million for expanding its synthetic diamond testing facility in Surat.

- Kalyan Jewellers plans to invest Rs 500 crore (US\$ 75 million) to add 15 new showrooms as part of their on-going expansion plan in Northern and Eastern regions of India as well as expansion in West Asia.
- London's ultra-luxury jeweler, Faberge, owned by the world's top emeralds and rubies-miner Gemfields Plc., has decided to enter India - Delhi and Mumbai.

Participation at the 'Signature IIJS' could act as a catalyst for expanding the jewellery business through exploring sourcing opportunities and developing new business partnerships. The event would be showcasing the best jewellery collections by the country's leading manufacturers. Indian Gems & Jewellery Machinery Exhibition (IGJME) 2018 is B2B annual expo of India's gems and jewellery industry's latest machines and technological advancements and is held in concurrence with Signature IIJS 2018. Visitors would benefit from Asia's largest gem & jewellery technology exhibition as the forum offers manufacturers the best in class technology that will bring a difference to their business in terms of quality and quantity.