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*** Jade testing services now available at Gubelin Hong Kong lab:

We proudly announce the launch of the first full service of the Gubelin Gem Lab in Hong Kong. As of now, jadeite can be tested for identity and treatments at our new laboratory in Hong Kong. The Gubelin Gem Lab team in Hong Kong welcomes customers during office hours at our premises: Room 1005, 10/F, Aon China Building, 29 Queens Road, Central, Hong Kong, telephone: +852 2868 2781 or e-mail: hkg@gubelingemlab.ch

*** Visit us at the Hong Kong Jewellery and Gem Fair, June 23-26, 2011 – Hall 3M Booth 108:

This is the first time that Gubelin will have its own booth at the Hong Kong Jewellery and Gem Fair in June. We will be welcoming visitors in the Convention and Exhibition Centre – Our booth 108 in Hall 3M is located on the side aisle, and customers will be able to drop off their stones there as well. Testing in our lab in Central usually takes one day only, and stones can be picked up again from our booth. Our staff also welcomes visitors seeking information about our activities and services in general.

*** Gubelin gemmologist Bonita Kwok named Director of the Gemmological Association of Hong Kong:

Of the many national gemmological bodies, the Gemmological Association of Hong Kong (GAHK) is one of the most important and relevant. The reasons for this are the importance of Hong Kong for the vibrant gemstone trade in Asia and its strategic location as a hub for the entire South-East Asian region and Mainland China. The GAHK has earned a reputation for its efforts to promote integrity and ethics in the gemstone trade. Gubelin gemmologist Bonita Kwok was named Director of the GAHK this year, and will further contribute to its reputation.

*** Gubelin researchers publish articles on emeralds and pearls:

The spring issue of InColor features an important article on Brazilian and Colombian emeralds written by Dr. Dietmar Schwarz, Head of Research at Gubelin, co-authored by Dr. Leo Klemm, research analyst at Gubelin, and Dr. Julio César Mendes and Paulo Henrique S. Lopes. Their article sheds light on the many different types of emerald deposits in Brazil in comparison with Colombian emeralds, and comprises microscopic, spectroscopic and chemical characteristics.

Another article, authored by Gubelin research scientist Dr. Stefanos Karampelas, addresses the reason for colours observed in natural colour saltwater cultured pearls from the *Pinctada margaritifera* mollusc. This article was published in the spring issue of Gems & Gemology.

*** Free Hong Kong Shuttle operating via Gubelin Hong Kong office only:

The opening of the Gubelin Gem Lab Hong Kong office in January this year signalled the cessation of the Malca Amit shuttle service between Hong Kong and Switzerland. Customers are invited to drop off their stones for testing at the Gubelin Gem Lab in Hong Kong (see above for address). Shipping is free for the customer, aside from a mandatory insurance fee of 0.16% of the declared value. Where applicable, Gubelin Hong Kong will forward the stones to Switzerland and ship them back to Hong Kong. Visit www.gubelingemlab.ch/PDF/Shuttles/TakeInWindow_HKGnew.pdf for the updated schedule and further details.

Stones for Gubelin Switzerland submitted by customers to the Malca Amit offices in Hong Kong are no longer accepted for the free Hong Kong shuttle, and shipping costs will have to be paid by the customer.

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