

Grand Opening of GRS LANKA (PVT) LTD

A PARTNER OF GRS GEMRESEARCH SWISSLAB AG (SWITZERLAND)



MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER OF ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY AND NATIONAL ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT

I am happy to release this message to the organizers of the first internationally recognized Gem Testing Laboratory opening of GRS Lanka (PVT) Ltd, a partner of GRS Gemresearch Swisslab AG, which is being launched in Sri Lanka. I congratulate the organizers, as this is an important and a significant step in the field of gemstone research. Sri Lanka is one of the largest producers of gemstones and a leading source country. Sapphires enjoy a pristine position in the world.

A Gem Lab to test and issue certificates from Sri Lanka is an essential complement to enhance the quality of our country's gemstone exports and a guarantee to the customers of the genuineness of our country's product.

I wish this pioneering effort all success. As the Minister in charge of the Sri Lanka Standards Institute, I will extend all our support and co-operation.

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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF GRS LANKA (PVT) LTD

Opening of GRS Lanka (PVT) Ltd, a partner of GRS Gemresearch Swisslab AG, which is an internationally recognized Gem Testing Laboratory, will be of immense advantages for buyers from all over the world. International clients can certify their purchased gemstones directly in Sri Lanka, providing confidence and desired standard, before exporting it to their respective countries. This is also a good opportunity for local companies to certify gems and to present their gemstones with a certificate from a well-known gemmologist like Dr. Adolf Peretti of GRS. We take great pride of being the Sri Lankan host of GRS - the first internationally renowned Gemtesting and Research Laboratory in Sri Lanka.

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Director

GRS Lanka (PVT) Ltd

MESSAGE FROM DR. A. PERETTI, GRS



With the continuous discovery of new mines and the invention of new gem treatments, research in all different areas of gemmology has become increasingly important. GRS Gemresearch Swisslab AG (GRS) is a Swiss company specializing and reporting in gemological research since 10 years. Its board of directors includes 4 Professors of major Swiss Universities. GRS is active outside Switzerland through two partner companies, GRS (Thailand) Co., Ltd in Bangkok (Thailand) and GRS Lanka (PVT) Ltd. in

Colombo (Sri Lanka). GRS reports on gemstones are internationally recognized and published in auction catalogues, with over 300 published references listed on the GRS website. With "Contributions to Gemology" GRS established its own independent on-line and hard copy publishing media in 2002.

Through the new partner company GRS Lanka (PVT) Ltd, GRS will intensify its research on gemstones in Sri Lanka and will issue its internationally recognized GRS gemstone reports with basic research at the country of origin. Detailed information can be found at <http://www.gemresearch.ch>.

Dr. A. Peretti, FGG FGA

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL GEM & JEWELLERY AUTHORITY

On behalf of the National Gem and Jewellery Authority (NGJA) it is with great pleasure that I address this message on the occasion of the opening of GRS Lanka (PVT) Ltd in Sri Lanka.

The year 2004 recorded the highest ever revenue USD 105.9 million through Gem & Jewellery exports since the establishment of the State Gem Corporation in 1971 (presently National Gem & Jewellery Authority).

Certification of gemstones has become an integral part of the gemtrade. Having realized this, the National Gem & Jewellery Authority is making arrangements to upgrade its Laboratory and has embarked on an Advanced Training Programme for its gemmologists.

In this context, establishing a Laboratory in collaboration with GRS Gemresearch Swisslab (AG) of Lucerne, Switzerland would undoubtedly help the Sri Lankan gem dealers who wish to get their gems certified by a reputed International Laboratory.

I would like to extend my best wishes to GRS Lanka (PVT) Ltd in their endeavors towards the betterment of the Gem and Jewellery Industry in Sri Lanka.

Asoka Jayawardena

Chairman

National Gem & Jewellery Authority

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