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## **Senior government and industry delegation from India to attend sold out WJH/PDE Grand Opening next week in Panama**

PANAMA: APRIL 20, 2015 – A high-level delegation of government and industry officials from India, led by Shri Siddharth, Director General of the Indian Ministry of Commerce and Industry, has confirmed its participation in the Grand Opening of World Jewelry Hub in Panama City, April 27-30, 2015. Among the members of the visiting delegation will be Vipul Shah, Chairman of the Gem & Jewellery Export Promotion Council, GJEPC Vice Chairman Panjak Parekh, the organization's Executive Director Sabyasachi Ray, as well as senior members of management and leading company representatives.

The Indian delegation will join more than 350 members of the Latin American and international diamond, gemstone and jewelry sectors who have already confirmed their attendance for the Grand Opening. The event now been sold out.

The Grand Opening will be highlighted by the first Latin American Diamond and Jewelry Week, which will be held in the new headquarters of the Panama Diamond Exchange, the anchor organization of the World Jewelry Hub.

"We are delighted that so senior a delegation from India will be attending, and most definitely see this as underscoring the significance of our new trading center in Panama, not only for the business in Latin America, but for the industry worldwide," said Eli Izhakoff, Chairman of the World Jewelry Hub. "We are confident that Panama will be the bridge connecting the critically important Indian industry to Latin America, and the World Jewelry Hub will serve as the gateway."

"We are most excited to be attending the Grand Opening and to lend our support to a venture that will catapult Latin America into one world's most exciting emerging markets," said Mr. Shah. "India, as the world's largest diamond-cutting center and a leading jewelry manufacturer and market, has a vested interest in Panama's success. We will express that through our participation in the event."