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July 19, 2024

Ms. Robyn Burrell  
Director, Education Compliance & Financial Aid  
Gemological Institute of America  
5345 Armada Drive  
Carlsbad, CA 92008

Dear Ms. Burrell:

The Distance Education Accrediting Commission (DEAC or the Commission) met on June 21, 2024 and considered the application for renewal of accreditation submitted by Gemological Institute of America (GIA), including its ongoing engagement in international activities and utilization of in-residence sites.

The record before the Commission included (1) the May 7, 2024 Chair's Report and the In-Residence Program Component Companion Report pertaining to the February 27, 2024 and February 29, 2024 site visits; (2) the Engaging in International Activities Report pertaining to the March 12, 2024 and March 14, 2024 site visits; and (3) the institution's June 6, 2024 response to the same. I am pleased to inform you that the Commission voted to renew GIA's accreditation through June 2028 and to accept the Engaging in International Activities Report and the In-Residence Program Component Companion Report.<sup>1</sup>

Accreditation by DEAC is a reliable indicator of the value and quality of the distance education that an institution offers. In receiving this renewal of accreditation, GIA demonstrated its commitment to educational standards and ethical business practices that assure quality, accountability, and improvement in higher education.

The scope of GIA's accreditation also extends to the following sites for in-residence instruction located at these addresses:

Gemological Institute of America  
5345 Armada Drive  
Carlsbad, CA 92008

Geological Institution of America, Inc.  
50 W 47th Street, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York NY 10036

GIA England  
104 Great Russell Street  
London WC1B  
United Kingdom

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<sup>1</sup> The institution requested and received an one-year extension of its prior grant of accreditation.

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AnchorCert Group  
1 Moreton Street,  
Birmingham B1 3AX  
United Kingdom

GIA India Laboratory Private Limited  
10th Floor, Trade Centre  
Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East)  
Mumbai, India 400 051

GIA India Laboratory Private Limited  
2nd, 3rd Floor Swastik Universal, FP No 10/11, RS  
No 15/1A  
Dumas Road Piplod  
Surat 395 007  
India

Level 2  
Hotel Le Meridien  
Windsor Place  
Janpath  
New Delhi 110001  
India

Gemological Research (Thailand) Co. Ltd.  
Mitr town Office Tower  
19th floor  
944 Rama IV Road, Wangmai,  
Pathumwan  
Bangkok 10330  
Thailand

GIA Hong Kong Limited  
3rd Floor, China Building  
18 Queen's Road, Central  
Hong Kong  
China

GIA Instrument (Taiwan) Company  
3F, 270 Nanjing East Road,  
Sec. 3  
Taipei, 10551  
Taiwan

The scope of GIA's accreditation extends to the programs listed below:  
Vocational Programs

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- Graduate Diamonds
- Graduate Colored Stones
- Graduate Gemologist
- Applied Jewelry Professional
- Graduate Pearls

The Certificate of Accreditation is enclosed with the hard copy of the accreditation letter that will be sent to the institution by mail. Please bear in mind that GIA is required to renew its accreditation before June 2028. The next reaccreditation visit will be scheduled for spring 2028. GIA's application for reaccreditation will be due one year prior to the renewal date.

The DEAC approach to accreditation incorporates practices of continuous improvement and quality enhancement. It does not assume a single model or template for improvement but reflects an understanding that continuous improvement is a process that can follow many different paths toward excellence in distance education. Additional review of the Examining Committee Chair's Report is one approach to developing institutional plans for the future. We suggest that GIA consider the observations of the Examining Committee when undertaking institutional assessment and improvement planning. In addition, the enclosed document, *Obligations of Accreditation*, provides helpful reminders of submissions essential to maintaining DEAC accreditation.

Please keep DEAC advised on an ongoing basis of new developments, programs, and procedures undertaken at your institution in the months and years to come. Again, we congratulate you and your staff on the renewal of the accreditation of GIA. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact DEAC staff.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Leah K. Matthews', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Leah K. Matthews  
Executive Director

Enclosures: Certificate of Accreditation  
*Obligations of Accreditation*

cc: Dr. Marcia Ditmyer, Vice Chair of the Accrediting Commission