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Retailers who shared their opinions in on-site visits included Ali Digius of Diamond Boutique; Dano McCarthy, Maggie Scheuer and Lisa Hamel of Leo Hamel & Co, David Rubin of David of California, Gary Gilmore of Gary Gilmore Jewelers; James Jessop of Jessop's Jewelers, Malcolm Koll of Charles Koll Jewelers, Marco Levy of The Diamond Source, Ramona Bommer of Diamond Creations by Ramona, Todd and Harvey Oskinski of Osinski's Jewelers, Tom Currie of Currie & Co., Victor and Marina Manoushakian of Highland Jewelers, all of San Diego, California. Other retailers included John Gordon of Pauling Blue Fire in Carlsbad, California; Tom Jones of Jones & Jones Jewelers, Portland, Oregon; Amy Fehlman and Bill Bevill of Smith & Bevill Jewelers, Beaverton, Oregon; Kathy Carey, Monique Sessner, Rick Skeie, Mike McNutt, and Laura Saunders of Skeie's Jewelers, Eugene Oregon.

We also had observations and discussions at the 2003 JA Show in New York and the 2003 JCK Show in Las Vegas that included: Amy Curran of Fortunoff's, Westbury, New York; Andy Johnson, The Johnson Family's Diamond Cellar, Dublin, Ohio; Bill Carr of Phillippe Diamond Corp, New York, New York; Bill Farmer of W.L. Farmer Manufacturing Jeweler, Lexington, Kentucky; Bill Carr of Philippe Diamond Corp, New York, New York; Dale Perelman from King's of New Castle, New Castle, Pennsylvania; Ed Bridge of Ben Bridge Jewelers, Seattle, Washington; Ed Hrabak of Sterling Jewelers, Inc, Akron, Ohio; Harold Tivol, Tivol Jewelers, Kansas City, Missouri; Jacob Zupnick of J. Zupnick & Co. L.L.C., New York, New York; Jeff Fischer or Fischer Diamond, New York, New York; Jim Sfetko of Helzberg Diamonds, North Kansas City, Missouri; Jim C. Clark of B. C. Clark Jewelers, Oklahoma City; Jim Haag of Harry Winston, Inc., New York, New York; John Green of Lux, Bond & Green, West Hartford, Connecticut; Lee Berg of Lee Michaels Fine Jewelry, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; Lazer Wolf of Lewis Wolf Trading, New York, New York; Michael Pollak and Bruce Chase of Hyde Park Jewelers, Denver, Colorado; Moshe Lazar, Lazar Diamonds, Los Angeles, California; Pascal Mouawad and Tarek Nsouli of Mouawad USA, Inc., New York, New York; Pierre Tardy, Peter Thibault and Joseph Srodawa of Christian Bernard, Secaucus, New Jersey; Richard Drucker of Gemworld International, Northbrook, Illinois; Russell Cohen and John Cohen of Carlyle & Co. Jewelers, Greensboro, North Carolina; Simon Teakle; Susan Eisen of Susan Eisen Fine Jewelry, El Paso, Texas.

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