



## **World Federation of Diamond Bourses**

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### **GIA makes synthetic diamond detection machines available to WFDB bourses**

*20 November 2013:* Ernie Blom, President of the WFDB, and Tom Moses, GIA executive vice president and chief laboratory and research officer, have announced that an agreement has been made between these two world bodies. GIA (Gemological Institute of America) will provide a machine to assist with the detection of synthetic diamonds to member bourses.

The WFDB is committed to enforcing its stand of “zero tolerance” in the non-disclosure of synthetic stones. The assistance offered by GIA with making these machines available to member bourses will be of great assistance in the detection of illegal mixing of synthetic and natural diamonds.

The WFDB extends its gratitude and appreciation to GIA and reiterates that all persons in the value chain need to work together to protect the industry and ensure consumer confidence.



Ernie Blom – President WFDB



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