



**Press release**

**Kaloti Jewellery International DMCC to expand operations**

- Plans to open new offices in Singapore and Miami by the end of 2010
- The company aims to increase kilo bar production to 1500 kg a day
- In the process of setting up a one click trading platform to ensure 24 hours coverage

**Dubai, UAE; May 02, 2010:** Kaloti Jewellery International DMCC, Dubai's leading integrated gold and precious metals company with presence in the global physical commodities markets, was awarded the prestigious Dubai Good Delivery (DGD) status by Dubai Multi Commodities Centre Authority (DMCCA) for product adherence to international standards. The company's latest achievement coincides with the opening of its new world class facility in Almas Tower, the tallest office building in the Middle East established by DMCCA. This is aimed at centralising its global bullion operations covering the MENA region, Far East and Europe; and is also part of the company's strong expansion plans, with next stops being Singapore and Miami by the end of 2010.

Munir Ragheb Al Kaloti, Chairman of Kaloti Jewellery Group, the parent company of Kaloti Jewellery International DMCC, said: "We are honoured to have achieved the Dubai Good Delivery status especially since the guidelines are more stringent, and differs from other international delivery systems in its ability to conduct pro-active monitoring of gold bars. It is an affirmation of our adherence to international standards and it will enable us to trade on Dubai Gold and Commodities Exchange (DGCX). "

"We are also delighted to have our bullion operations headquarters in Almas Tower, which is today the heart of Dubai's gold and jewellery trade. It is a strategic location that will help us to strengthen our operations and brand profile," he added. "As investor interest in gold is on the rise, Dubai, with its traditional affiliation with the precious metals trade and close proximity to gold's main markets like India, China and Turkey, stands to gain. Government initiatives like tax free environment, Free Zones, DGCX and introduction of Dubai Good Delivery standard have also put Dubai in the spotlight. We are excited to be part of Dubai's future. "

Kaloti Jewellery International DMCC is a member of Dubai Gold and Commodities Exchange (DGCX), Dubai Gold Advisory Group (DGAG) and Dubai Gold and Jewellery Group (DGJG). It implements a strict policy for combating money laundering and financing terrorism based on guidelines recommended by DMCC.

Congratulating Kaloti Jewellery International, Ahmed bin Sulayem, Executive Chairman of Dubai Multi Commodities Centre, said: "DMCC is pleased to welcome a prestigious name such as Kaloti to the Almas Tower, the tallest commercial tower in the Middle East and fast emerging as the regional centre for companies in the gold, diamonds and commodities sectors. We are also pleased to award Kaloti Jewellery International with the prestigious Dubai Good Delivery standard, an internationally

recognised standard for gold bars. The Company joins an exclusive list of members of the Dubai Good Delivery standard, which now numbers 22, comprising well known international and local refineries. We wish them well and look forward to their continued success in the future. ”

Kaloti Jewellery Group established in 1988 with a production capacity of just 200 kilos of gold jewellery annually, is today an internationally recognized company with a turnover of 400 tons of bullion and jewellery gold every year with plans to increase its kilo bar production to over 1500 kg a day. Kaloti Jewellery International DMCC is among the largest contributors to global precious metals OTC and derivatives markets, as it trades and hedges hundreds of tonnes of bullion annually via international and local trading exchanges like the New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX), Dubai Gold & Commodities Exchange (DGCX), London Bullion Market Association (LBMA) and Istanbul Gold Exchange (IGE).

The company’s expansion is a reflection of its strong faith in the long term prospects for gold bullion. “The ongoing economic situation has reinforced faith in gold as an investment and we see the outlook for gold remaining bullish. It continues to provide a hedge against fluctuating currencies and protection in times of inflation, “commented Tarek El Mdaka, Managing Director of Kaloti Jewellery International (DMCC). “We continuously invest in modern technology to provide up to date information and real time service to our clients. We are in the process of developing our own trading platform to provide 24 hours coverage for markets and even to be able to quote gold over the weekend and on public holidays.”

Industry leaders and partners congratulated Kaloti Jewellery International at a special ceremony held to mark the achievement of DGD status and opening of the new office. The guests included R. Shyamnarain, Chairman of Foreign Exchange Board –Republic of Suriname; Y. Oguzhan Aloglu Vice Chairman of Istanbul Gold Exchange; Michael Mesaric CEO of Valcambi SA; Saed Jarallah, Regional Manager Arab Bank Plc.; and Alison Burns, Head of Precious Metals MENA Region – Standard Bank Plc.

Michael Mesaric, CEO of Valcambi SA, said: “We have a business relationship with Kaloti since 2002; we started with 30 kg scrap deliveries a week from them which gradually increased beyond expectation. Today, it is fair to say that Kaloti is one of the key players in the scrap market. They were bold enough to identify and pursue market opportunities and made a strong effort to understand their competitors and clients. I would like to congratulate the Kaloti Jewellery Group on their achievements and look forward to a long term mutually beneficial relationship.”

Alison Burns congratulated Kaloti on behalf of Standard Bank: “We congratulate Kaloti Jewellery International on the official inauguration of their new office premises in Almas Tower and pass on our very best wishes for their further business endeavours controlled out of this prestigious location.”

#### **About Kaloti Jewellery International DMCC**

Kaloti Jewellery International DMCC is the dedicated bullion operations division of Kaloti Jewellery Group established in 1988, an integrated company providing complete precious metals operations including assaying, refining, scrap gold trading, production of bullion bars, gold jewellery manufacturing and wholesale. It has the credit of establishing the first assaying lab in the UAE. The Group provides complete precious metal solutions, from financing of raw materials, mining in Latin America via a complex supply and logistics chain all the way

through to the finished products, whether beautifully crafted pieces of handcrafted jewellery or commercial bullion bars.

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The company complies with the Dubai Good Delivery (DGD) standard by Dubai Multi Commodities Centre Authority to promote international standards for the local and regional trade.