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BLEU ROYAL

THE LARGEST
INTERNALLY FLAWLESS FANCY VIVID BLUE DIAMOND
TO APPEAR AT AUCTION

PRESENTED THIS NOVEMBER IN GENEVA
AT CHRISTIE'S MAGNIFICENT JEWELS AUCTION



*Bleu Royal a 17.61 cts internally flawless fancy vivid blue diamond
Estimate in the region of US\$35 million*

Geneva – Bleu Royal will be the leading highlight of the upcoming Magnificent Jewels auction on 07 November at Christie's Geneva. Weighing 17.61 carats, Bleu Royal is the largest Internally Flawless Fancy Vivid Blue gem ever to appear for sale in auction history.

Cut and polished into a perfectly symmetrical pear combined with a rich vivid blue colour and flawless purity, this diamond is amongst the rarest to have been unearthed (estimate in the region of US\$35 million). **Bleu Royal** has remained part of an important private collection for the past 50 years. This is the first time the stone, set in a ring, will be presented for sale at auction.

"This is a true miracle of nature," Rahul Kadakia, **Christie's International Head of Jewellery**, comments. *"Over our 257-year long history Christie's has had the privilege of offering the world's rarest gems at auction, and **Bleu Royal** continues this tradition. We are proud to offer collectors the opportunity to own a diamond fit for Royalty."*

Driven by collector demand and an increasingly limited supply, prices for top-quality colored diamonds have increased exponentially in recent years. In the saleroom, Fancy Vivid Blue diamonds over 10 carats are virtually unheard of — in more than 250 years of auction history at Christie's, only three such stones have ever appeared for sale:

❖ The Bulgari Blue	10.95 carats	sold for \$15,762,500	New York	20/10/2010
❖ The Winston Blue	13.22 carats	sold for \$23,795,372	Geneva	14/05/2014
❖ The Oppenheimer Blue	14.62 carats	sold for \$57,541,779	Geneva	18/05/2016

Auction:	Magnificent Jewels 07 November 2023 Four Seasons Hotel des Bergues			
Previews:	Hong Kong	04-07 October		
	Beijing	10-11 October		
	Shanghai	13-14 October		
	Taipei	21-22 October		
	New York	26-27 October		
	Geneva	02-07 November		

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