Gem Diamonds Limited (LSE: GEMD) announces that the latest Letšeng large diamond tender has closed.

The Company realised an average $/carat for H1 2020 of $1,707*. This compares to an average $/carat for H1 2019 of $1,687 and H2 2019 of $1,506.

Notably, a 13 carat pink diamond achieved $40,110 per carat, and a 61 carat white Type II diamond achieved $31,400 per carat. 15 diamonds sold in H1 2020 for in excess of $1 million each and one diamond for over $5 million.

The tender was held in Antwerp and in strict compliance with Covid19 health and safety protocols and appropriate social distancing guidelines.

Clifford Elphick, CEO of the Company, commented:

“The results of the latest tender for Letšeng’s large diamonds are positive. With an average dollar per carat for the first half of the year of $1,707, and with certain stones selling above their anticipated post-Covid19 valuations, it is clear that there is a good level of demand for the high quality Letšeng diamonds.”

(*The small diamond tender has not yet closed and this average dollar per carat includes the small diamonds for the latest tender at valuation).

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