

“In conversation with ...Shlomo Eshed

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(featuring interviews with key industry players from around the world)

** Please note that all responses will be edited for grammatical and spelling errors and will be returned to the interviewee for final approval before being published. Kindly respond in a conversational mode when answering the following questions:*

Q: How long have you been involved in the diamond industry and where and how did your involvement begin?

A: I have been involved in the diamond industry since 1975.

I started manufacturing and exporting green Emeralds & Tanzanite.

Q: What is your company called and what do you enjoy best in your daily work environment?

A: my company name is GEMERALD LTD. and I enjoy the trade and buying Emeralds.

Q: Are you married and do you have children, if so what do they do?

A: Yes, I'm married with 2 sons and a daughter. One of my sons is working in the business, the other is in the Israeli Army and my daughter designs clothes.

Q: What has been your greatest achievement so far?

A: When I was re-elected as the president of The Israel Precious Stones & Diamonds Exchange, for the 5th term.

Q: In what way has the industry changed over the years?

A: The Chinese entered into to the market and the Indian manufactures are major players, more than it used to be.

Q: Are you optimistic about the future of the diamond industry and would you encourage young people to get involved?

A: Yes, and also encourage companies to get involved in exhibitions around the world.

Q: What advice would you give a young person thinking about entering the diamond industry?

A: **To have patience.**

Q: If you had the choice, would you consider any other profession?

A: **No.**

Q: Do you hold any position in any other club or association other than the WFDB?

A: **The ICA – International Coloured Gemstone Association.**

Q: Who is your role model and who in the world would you most like to meet?

A: **There are many.**

Q: Is there anything you can tell us about yourself that your colleagues might not know about you?

A: **No.**

Q: Do you have time for a hobby and if so what do you do?

A: **Swimming and walking.**