

# CHRISTIE'S

## Jewels: The London Sale

London – Wednesday, 10 December 2008

Sale no: 7634 – Top Three

[All sold prices include buyer's premium]

<b>Sold:</b>	<b>£18,354,775</b>	<b>\$27,220,131</b>	<b>€20,942,798</b>
Lots Sold: 113	Lots Offered: 207	Sold by Lot: 55%	Sold by £: 89%
Exchange Rate: £ = \$1.483 / €1.141			

Lot	Description	Estimate (£)	Purchase Price	Buyer
212	The Wittelsbach Diamond An historic 17th Century cushion-shaped deep grayish blue, VS2 diamond of 35.56 cts <b>WORLD RECORD PRICE FOR ANY DIAMOND SOLD AT AUCTION</b> <b>WORLD RECORD PRICE FOR ANY JEWEL SOLD AT AUCTION</b>	Estimate on request	<b>£16,393,250</b> <b>\$24,311,190</b> <b>€18,704,698</b>	Graff Diamonds
207	A Belle Époque diamond necklace/tiara, circa 1900	200,000-250,000	<b>£229,250</b> <b>\$339,978</b> <b>€261,574</b>	UK Trade
136	An Art Deco diamond bracelet, circa 1930, by Cartier	30,000-40,000	<b>£55,250</b> <b>\$81,936</b> <b>€63,040</b>	US Trade

**Comment: François Curiel, Chairman of Christie's Europe and auctioneer for the sale:** *"In the midst of these challenging times, we were thrilled to achieve an historic price for an historic diamond. At \$24.3 million, the 35.56ct Wittelsbach blue diamond, dating to the 17th Century, has become the most expensive diamond sold at auction, topping the previous record of \$16.5 million for a 100ct diamond in 1995 in Geneva. It was purchased by the leading international jeweller Laurence Graff, bidding against Aleks Paul of Essex Global Trading, a professional of Russian origin based in New York."*

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**Next Sale Date:** The next Jewels sale is at Christie's New York, 11 December 2008