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CHRISTIE'S LONDON AUTUMN AUCTIONS OF *ISLAMIC ART* REALISE £9.5 MILLION/\$15.4 MILLION/€11.9 MILLION

London – The auctions of *Islamic and Indian Art* this week at Christie's in London realised a combined total of £9.5 million/\$15.4 million/€11.9 million.

Comment: William Robinson, Director and Head of Islamic Art, Christie's London:

"This week's season of sales at Christie's saw consistently lively auction rooms in both sale sites. This combined with a larger number of telephones than normal and an increased online presence ensured that the sold through percentages in every Christie's sale were each considerably higher than those of any other London sale of Islamic and Indian art and carpets this week. There was a very encouraging amount of activity throughout all areas of the category with a number of new bidders entering the field. We were also very pleased with the variety of bidders, indicating a broader and thus stronger base to the market than has sometimes been the case. Of the entire sales it was the works of art on paper which created the most excitement on the market, notably the collection donated to benefit the University of Oxford and the paintings from the Duc de Luynes. The success of these sales gives Christie's the market share for the category this year."

Arts of India 1 October 2012, South Kensington	£767,188 (\$1,236,707/€962,054)
Oriental Rugs and Carpets 2 October 2012, King Street	£1,327,375 (\$2,142,383/€1,657,891)
Christie's Interiors Featuring Islamic & Indian Interiors 2 October 2012, South Kensington	£69,750 (\$112,577/87,117)
A Private Collection Donated to Benefit the University of Oxford 4 October 2012, South Kensington	£1,699,750 (\$2,738,297/€2,121,288)
Art of the Islamic and Indian Worlds 4 October 2012, King Street	£4,523,325 (\$7,287,077/€5,645,110)
Arts of Islam 5 October, 2012, South Kensington	£1,165,738 (\$1,884,998/€1,447,847)

Full results of the sales can be found at the following link: <http://www.christies.com/results/>

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