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CHRISTIE'S LONDON SPRING AUCTIONS OF *ISLAMIC ART* REALISE £9.2 MILLION/\$13.7 MILLION/€11.2 MILLION

London – The auctions of *Islamic and Indian Art* this week at Christie's in London realised a combined total of $\frac{f}{2}$.2 million/\$13.7 million/\$11.2 million.

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

"Throughout the week of auctions at both King Street and South Kensington there was active competition for works of art on paper, which was particularly noticeable in the sale of works of art donated to benefit the University of Oxford and in Monday's South Kensington sale. The sold rates in both these auctions were the strongest of the week and South Kensington achieved its highest ever total for the category. Works of art from both Turkey and India also generated excited bidding as with the spectacular Indian jade dagger at King Street and the inkwell at South Kensington. Bidders from across the globe competed not only in the room and on the telephone but also online with the top lot in the final sale of the week being bought via Christie's LIVE. The highlight of these Spring auctions was realising the charitable aim of a generous collector and achieving a total of £1,635,800 to benefit the University of Oxford."

Islamic & Indian Manuscripts & Works on Paper *£*,1,434,713 (\$2,309,888/€1,751,785) 23 April 2012, South Kensington **Oriental Rugs and Carpets** £1,687,175 24 April 2012, King Street (\$2,721,413/€2,063,415) Christie's Interiors Featuring Islamic & £,91,146 **Indian Interiors** (\$147,018/€111,472) 24 April 2012, South Kensington A Private Collection Donated To Benefit £,1,635,800 The University Of Oxford - Islamic and Indian (\$2,646,724/€1,997,312) Works of Art on Paper 26 April 2012, King Street

Art of the Islamic and Indian Worlds 26 April, King Street

Islamic & Indian Works of Art & Textiles 27 April, 2012

£3,597,325 (\$5,820,472/€4,392,334)

£786,088 (\$1,270,318/ €963,744)

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