

The American Gem Trade Association is committed to ethical business practices within the industry, and AGTA Members have an unwavering adherence to this responsibility. AGTA Members annually commit themselves to the Code of Ethics and Fair Business Practices.

All AGTA Members are required to disclose enhancements and treatments of all colored gemstones/jewelry sold. For Firm Members, Colored Diamond Dealers, Estate Dealers and Manufacturers, a sample copy of a commercial document (i.e., memo and/or invoice demonstrating disclosure) is to be submitted biannually to AGTA to show compliance with the AGTA Enhancement Codes. Please review these Codes and the *Gemstone Information Manual* which can be found at <http://www.agta.org/info/index.html>. **NOTE: The previous code "E" is no longer acceptable and the codes "SC", "ASBL", & "CMP" have been added.**

For our Retail Members, a copy of our consumer-friendly disclosure brochure **Gemstone Enhancements, What You Should Know** can also be accessed at the above address. By providing this brochure at each point of sale, you can be sure that your customer has a clear understanding of the typical enhancements used with most gemstones. To order, please contact AGTA at 800-972-1162.

Please note: Associated Industry Professional Members who do NOT deal in colored gemstones, including Students & Appraisers do not need to submit commercial documents; however, you are required to sign this Code of Ethics Commitment annually.

The AGTA Office will thoroughly review these documents and contact Members who need assistance in compliance. The AGTA will be closely monitoring exhibiting Member's documents at our trade shows to ensure our Members and our clients that our commitment to full disclosure is both genuine and ongoing.

Visit www.agta.org and click on *Disclosure* to view additional Disclosure collateral.

If you have questions, contact the AGTA office at 800-972-1162.

Sincerely,



Douglas K. Hucker
AGTA Chief Executive Officer

My best regards,



David M. Baker, G.G.
Membership & Education Manager

Code of Ethics and Disclosure Commitment

Member of Record: (please print clearly) _____

Company Name: (please print clearly) _____

City, State: _____

Please read the Code of Ethics and sign this to affirm your commitment to these business practices.

_____ Yes, I have read and agree to abide by AGTA's Code of Ethics.

_____ Yes, I have included a copy of my invoice demonstrating enhancement and treatment disclosure.

Signature of Member of Record Required

Date