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PHILLIPS ANNOUNCES HIGHLIGHTS FROM APRIL LONDON DESIGN AUCTION

AUCTION TO FEATURE WORKS BY ALEXANDRE NOLL, JEAN ROYÈRE, DAGOBERT PECHE, CARLO SCARPA, JEAN PROUVÉ, DIEGO GIACOMETTI, AXEL EINAR HJORTH AND MARIA PERGAY

AUCTION: 29 APRIL 2014, 2PM

VIEWING: 23-29 APRIL Phillips, Howick Place, London, SW1P 1BB

AUCTION LOCATION: Phillips, Howick Place, London, SW1P 1BB

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London – 16 April 2014 – Phillips is pleased to announce the highlights from the forthcoming April Design Auction in London. The auction comprises approximately 214 lots carrying a pre-sale low estimate of £3,796,500 / \$6,343,507 / €4,607,771 and a pre-sale high estimate of £5,488,500 / \$9,170,641 / €6,661,334.

“Following on from the success of our March Contemporary Art and Design Auction we have great momentum and are continuing to deliver the best Design works with the most exceptional provenances to collectors today. Phillips is thrilled to present this catalogue which promises to be an exciting sale.” **Ben Williams, Senior Specialist and Head of Sale, London**

Highlights offered in the sale include **Jean Royère's** *Tour Eiffel table*, circa 1963 which incorporates a graphic interpretation of the Parisian landmark, invoking France's leading role in the birth of modern design. **Royère** used the motif on a variety of furnishings, lighting and architectural details. In contrast, **Jean Royère's** '*Ours Polaire*' (polar bear) sofa is a huge, voluminous form with excellent provenance, acquired directly from **Royère** around 1952. Another highlight is the *Important and large sculpture* by **Alexandre Noll**; originally in the artists collection and at over a metre in height the impressive sculpture exquisitely demonstrates **Noll's** belief in the sacredness of wood.

Four lots of excellent provenance by **Diego Giacometti** are included in the sale amongst which is the '*Têtes de lionnes*' armchair. This form is one of his earliest functional works. Also included is **Giacometti's** '*Carcasse*' low table, circa 1979.

Exceptional examples of 20th and 21st century decorative arts and design will be included in the Design Auction. Other highlights offered in the sale include works by **Fontana Arte**, **Josef Frank**, **Axel Einar Hjorth**, **Dagobert Peche**, **Maria Pergay**, **Edward William Godwin**, **Jean Prouvé**, **Charlotte Perriand** and **Le Corbusier**.

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JEAN ROYÈRE

Tour Eiffel table (detail), circa 1963
EST £350,000 – 450,000



ALEXANDRE NOLL

Important and large sculpture, 1953
EST £220,000 - 320,000



DIEGO GIACOMETTI

'Carcasse' low table, 'petit modèle à la chauve-souris', circa 1979
EST £200,000 - 300,000



JEAN ROYÈRE

'Ours Polaire' sofa, circa 1952
EST £200,000 - 300,000

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JEAN ROYÈRE

Pair of 'Ambassador' chairs, circa
1955
EST £140,000 - 220,000



DIEGO GIACOMETTI

Pair of side chairs, circa 1978
EST £120,000 – 180,000



DIEGO GIACOMETTI

'Têtes de lionnes' armchair,
second version, circa 1979
EST £100,000 – 150,000



JEAN ROYÈRE

Rare 'Œuf' chest of drawers,
1956-1958
EST £100,000 – 150,000