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We have just returned from a buying trip to Bangkok with a wonderful range of Gemstones. A full week of searching for that perfect gem reminded us just how rare really fine quality gems are. Clients have mentioned to us that the individuality of such Gems means that their customers are happy to pay without entering a discounting war, as comparable stones are difficult to obtain. African Ruby was in short supply due to low yields from the mines and also much of the material is now used in the beryllium treatment process. We found most suppliers are not prepared to guarantee that their yellow sapphires are not beryllium treated so using our own extensive knowledge, experience and testing abilities we are confident we can supply you with non-beryllium treated yellows. We also carry a range of small sizes and unusual colours in beryllium treated, which we will always disclose to our customers.

## COATED PINK TOPAZ

Recently the Australian Market has been inundated with pink and other unusual coloured Topaz. Generally this material is colourless Topaz thinly coated with metallic oxides that produce a range of colours including pink and a bluish purple named "Mystic" Topaz. This coating can be easily scratched or polished off. Natural Pink Topaz is extremely rare and is generally found in small crystals i.e. under 1ct. If you are presented with large stones or a suite of matching stones, it is most likely to be coated Topaz. Detection is possible. The coating is produced by a "sputtering" method that leaves a "dot-like" appearance on the surface that is visible under magnification. Stones are generally poorly polished and chips or scratches will reveal the presence of the coating. The surface can also show a "metallic" lustre. This treatment must be disclosed to the customer and explained that the colour is not natural and may not be permanent if worn roughly.

## CERTIFICATES OF AUTHENTICITY

Gem certificates are available to give customers confidence & enhance sales. Please enquire when ordering your gems.

CERTIFICATE OF Authenticity	
CERTIFICATE NO: 0423	
IDENTIFICATION:	Set of 4 natural Sapphires
ORIGIN:	Burma (untreated)
WEIGHT:	5.57 carats
SHAPE:	Pear Shape
DIMENSIONS:	Yellow: 10.57 x 7.04 x 4.97 10.14 x 6.74 x 5.08 Blue: 8.95 x 5.93 x 3.88 8.99 x 5.76 x 4.17
COLOR DESCRIPTION:	Light blue & yellow.
CUT:	Well balanced, no window.
CLARITY:	Eye clean.
	
<small>NOT AVERAGE SIZE</small>	
<small>AUTHORIZED SIGNATORIA</small> <small>Grant Hamid FGAA, Dip. D.C. Deborah Hamid FGAA, Dip. D.C.</small>	
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<small>SUPPLIED BY:</small>	

## RINGS

Many customers have mentioned how difficult it is having suitable stock made so we have introduced a boutique range of coloured stone jewellery made in Australia by members of the Gold & Silversmiths Guild of Australia.



## GEMS OF INTEREST



BURMESE RUBY  
1.49ct



SAPPHIRE  
1.22ct



AQUAMARINE  
19.25ct



STAR SAPPHIRE  
4.40ct



CITRINE  
5.92ct



SAPPHIRE  
3.31ct



SPESSARTITE GARNET  
9.28ct



MALI GARNET  
4.09ct



BLUE TOURMALINE  
4.39ct

