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Subject: VERY SPECIAL OFFER of some unique rough opals, something for everyone 3 Aug 2011

Whilst sitting at my opal desk working I often pick up a stone and start fiddling with it and looking at it under the light. Today I was amazed to find a Boulder opal that weighs some 11oz and has a band of beautiful greens, blues and a little gold running 2.5" across its face, the band is a fraction over 7mm wide. I have no doubt that the person who buys this Boulder opal can make matching earrings, ring and a pendant from this stone. I am going to offer this piece to you for only \$345. I can do that because it came in a bucket of Boulder opal where brilliant opal like this was not expected. The miners in their rush have overlooked this piece. The brown water stain over the opal made it hard to see how productive it was going to be. I studied it for quite some time under the light and I have no doubt you are going to get some beautiful stones from it. A couple of them will have a beautiful natural curve on it.

If you are not sure that you can cut Boulder opal for a small cutting fee we have a professional cutter who could cut this piece for you.

I am going to go back to the bucket and see if there aren't any other errors.

The second stone in this great cutter's parcel is 1.15oz Southern Cross Reds & Greens, it's just about full colour and is like a potato you can cut a bit this way, that way or the other way and whichever way you cut it it is still looking at you. A professional would like it but even a beginner could cut some very beautiful and many solids out of this piece, it's only \$460 and I can highly recommend it to you.

As you know it's not easy to buy black opal in the rough. The third stone we are going to offer you as a cutter is a Black Mintubi .615oz 65mm x 20mm at only \$2,750/oz it's \$1,691. Now it doesn't exactly look like a rainbow but it has every colour that is in a rainbow, I love this piece. It is a picture stone in itself, it could be split in two because it is 10mm thick. If you wanted to make small stones you could cut it from end to end. There are just so many ways you could cut this piece. It faces beautifully. It's another stone which is highly recommended. The back has some sandstone on it but the face has been sliced so you can see exactly what you are getting. I have its big brother here it weighs, approximately 4oz and its sister fits in exactly next to it which probably weighs another 3-4oz (no photos). They are \$6,000/oz so for only \$2,750 this is the stone you should really really consider. If you would like to have a payment plan, suggest one and I am sure we can work with you.

Everyone wants an absolute super gem in their collection, I send you a picture of the .1692oz/26.22cts super gem from Mintubi. It's \$25,000/oz so this stone is \$4,230, it is from the best parcel of rough opal that I have ever seen mined at Mintubi. Now this is the smallest stone of the parcel, we have others at up to .5oz. If you have any interest in purchasing one of these top gems let us know and we can give you a private viewing via your computer. I can tell you it's exciting handling

such opal.

Now for something that will really make you opalholics twitch, I have a stone that weighs 3.3oz from our Mintubi Plate parcel. The stone is 4" long and 2" wide at its widest point, it is 3/8" thick but it's really on the top 1/8" that carries the really brilliant colour. The colour can be seen from the side and a few places on the top where some opal has broken away during the mining. If you wet the piece you can see the brilliance right across the whole face of the stone, there is hardly a sceric in fact I don't see one that doesn't have colour on the face. This stone is only \$6,500. If you really want some excitement go to our website and look for "Big Red", that stone is being offered by its owner for \$100,000's. When the skin is taken off the top of this one, there is a very good chance it will be in the same ballpark as Big Red. It was probably lying a lot further than 1' from Big Red in the ground for millions of years. I would love to be near the cutter as the top is taken off this stone. I have been there when the cutter has taken the top off other stones, it is just something to behold. For \$6,500 you will have an absolute bargain. This stone was \$6,500 when the US dollar was worth 60% more than it is today, so for an American this is one hell of a buy.

Big Red Movies from our website:

<http://www.shed.com/aom/gallery/bigredsunrise8.mov>

<http://www.shed.com/aom/gallery/bigred6secs.mov>

<http://www.shed.com/aom/gallery/BigRedSetting.mov>

If I weren't as old as I am I would never offer this stone for only \$6,500. This stone is like the rough diamonds that the children were playing with in Africa when they went looking for Dr Livingstone. I don't care what you drive, when this is cut the stone will probably be worth more than your vehicle. I have been sitting on this stone for more than 15 years and none of our clients have ever seen it. The truth is I could be offering this for \$16,500 or \$26,500 and someone would still buy it. Go for it!!!!

And last but not least there are two beautiful Lightning Ridge Nobbies that have been faced off. We did have a Nobbie Offer, a number of you have bought some lovely stones but these two stones have not been sighted by our clients. The smaller one for \$245 is approximately 17mm x 14mm, you can cut a beautiful really round opal with beautiful blues and some greens. The other is a huge one 34mm x 25mm x 15mm thick weighing 89.5cts for only \$275. That has a big rolling flash, you can either cut one big stone out of it or you might decide to cut one and a pair of matching earrings, you could make a pendant and then earrings out of both ends rather than trying to leave it as one big beautiful pendant.

So that's our offer for today, enjoy our offering. Again, first in best dressed. We hope we get knocked over in the rush.

- 1-3. \$345 IMG_9737 Boulder Opal 11oz - will cut a matching set
- 4-5. \$460 IMG_9783 Southern Cross \$400/oz 1.15oz
- 6-8. \$1,691 IMG_1782.JPG Mintubi Black \$2,750/oz .615oz (65x20mm)

- 11-15. \$4,230 Mintubi Super Gem \$25,000/oz .1692oz
16-22. \$6,500 IMG_9762 Mintubi Plate Super Gem 4" x 2" x .375" thick 3.35oz
23. \$245 IMG_8042 Lightning Ridge Gem Blues on Black 17mm x 14mm
12.6cts
24. \$275 IMG_8048 Lightning Ridge Black huge 34mm x 25mm x 15mm
thick 89.5cts
25. \$195 NSP IMG_9681 Mintubi Horse Head 9.16cts approx 3cm x 2cm
or 1.5" x .75"



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2. \$345 IMG_9745 Boulder Opal 11oz - will cut a matching set



3. \$345 IMG_9746 Boulder Opal 11oz - will cut a matching set



4. \$460 IMG_9783 Southern Cross \$400/oz 1.15oz



5. \$460 IMG_9786 Southern Cross \$400/oz 1.15oz



6. \$1,691 IMG_1782.JPG Mintubi Black \$2,750/oz .615oz (65x20mm)



7. \$1,691 IMG_1783.JPG Mintubi Black \$2,750/oz .615oz (65x20mm)



8. \$1,691 IMG_1786.JPG Mintubi Black \$2,750/oz .615oz (65x20mm)



9. \$4,230 IMG_9754 Mintubi Super Gem \$25,000/oz .1692oz/26.22cts



10. \$4,230 IMG_9755 Mintubi Super Gem \$25,000/oz .1692oz/26.22cts



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16. \$6,500 IMG_9762 Mintubi Plate Super Gem 4" x 2" x .375" thick
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17. \$6,500 IMG_9768 Mintubi Plate Super Gem 4" x 2" x .375" thick
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18. \$6,500 IMG_9769 Mintubi Plate Super Gem 4" x 2" x .375" thick
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19. \$6,500 IMG_9770 Mintubi Plate Super Gem 4" x 2" x .375" thick
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20. \$6,500 IMG_9771 Mintubi Plate Super Gem 4" x 2" x .375" thick
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21. \$6,500 IMG_9775 Mintubi Plate Super Gem 4" x 2" x .375" thick
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Kind regards

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