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Subject: Whale's Tail OFFER 11 Sep 2012

Over the weekend I was thinking what could we do next week as an unusual Offer. Whilst watching tv I saw a whale breaching, everyone was getting excited. I then read at our own local beach in Victor Harbor, South Australia, a family walked out onto Granite Island <http://www.graniteisland.com.au> hoping to see some penguins or a school of fish or something when all of a sudden their little boy called out 'there's a whale'. The whale breached and it was quite close by. It got me thinking about a special piece of opal that we have, we call it the Whale's Tail. It is the first time we have photographed it, it is natural and just as it came out of the ground. It's most unusual, it's 3D, it has the big fanning tail and is very high where it would have joined on to the body, if it had actually been a whale. It is multi coloured gem, there are reds, greens, some blues, golds, it's just a magnificent thing. If you want this piece we would actually have it polished up for you at no extra expense. With this Whale's Tail we are going to feature some of its family that came from the same parcel, the same day, from the same pocket in Mintubi. You can see the opal comes in bars in very straight lines and it has a very bright red line next to a very bright green line, it's just as if someone has got all the colours of the rainbow and stacked them on top of one another. We often refer to this opal in the ignoble term of 'licorice allsorts', it's a type of sweet in Australia where different coloured sweets are stacked on top of one another and there is licorice at each end of the sweet.

I can't tell you what a pleasure it is to handle this opal and offer it to you. There is a little bit of sandstone where the tail joins the whale can easily be ground off to give more colour as can the very thin layer of sandstone on the bottom of the tail. We are not going to touch it you might like to do it yourself, if you want something that's unique the Whale's Tail is for you. This Whale's Tail when polished would make a very unique pendant, you will have the only one in the world. If you did run across someone else with a whale's tail as a pendant, they won't have a super gem like this opal, so you'll still have the only one in the world.

If you want something that is gemmy and magnificent for your collection or for you to cut into a matching pendant, ring and earrings just about any one of the other stones that we send to you in this Offer would be suitable. I have only ever seen one other parcel like this opal, it was also from Mintubi, it was a very large parcel around \$300,000. You would have sworn it came from the same pocket but it didn't, it came from a mine quite some distance from where this came from. The opal is very stable, you will love it.

I have a beautiful Gem Shell next to my opal light, it weighs 27.85cts, if it didn't have any imperfections the stone would be at least \$100/ct \$2,750 but because as you can see there are some imperfections and there often are in seashells just from the way they are formed I am going to sell this shell for only \$665, that's only \$23.87/ct. This stone would make a beautiful ring or a pendant, it has just a magnificent rolling flash of reds which turn into snippets of greens and lavender blue. It's a pleasure to hold this stone in my hand under the light. If you took it into the sunlight

you'd need your dark sunglasses.

Pick your stone and let us know how you would like to pay for it and because these are particularly expensive due to the gem quality if you would like to give us some sort of payment plan to secure one of these beautiful beautiful opals we will be happy to accommodate you.

Regards

Murray

1. \$665 because of an imperfection IMG_7346 Gem Shell 27.85cts
(worth approximately \$2,750 without imperfections)
- 2-3. \$721 IMG_7359 Mintubi \$1,000/oz .721oz
4. \$1,384 IMG_7356 Mintubi Gem \$4,000/oz .346oz
- 5-7. \$1,860 IMG_7463 Mintubi Striped Multi colour 30mm x 45mm x 15mm
thick \$1,500/oz 1.24oz
- 8-9. \$1,974 IMG_7454 Mintubi Gem Whale's Tail 42mm x 31mm x 11mm
thick \$6,000/oz .329oz
- 10-13. \$3,000 IMG_7375 Mintubi Dark Base Gem \$4,000/oz .639oz
- 14-15. \$3,204 DSCN0377 Mintubi Dark Base .534oz \$6,000/oz
- 16-18. \$9,825 IMG_7444 Mintubi Super Gem \$7,500/oz 1.31oz
- 19-24. \$14,220 IMG_7471 17 Mile Blacks \$900/oz 15.8oz
- 25-26. \$33,600 IMG_7419 Mintubi "licorice allsorts" \$7,500/oz 4.48oz
- 27-32. \$50,540 IMG_7370 Mintubi Super Gem \$3,800/oz 13.3oz



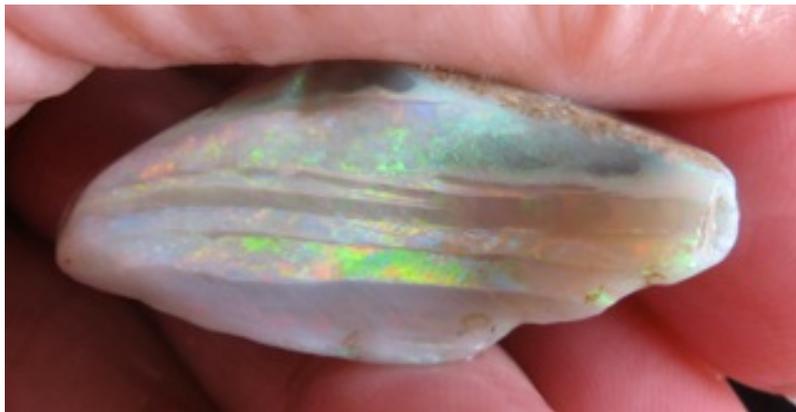
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6. \$1,860 IMG_7464 Mintubi Striped Multi colour 30mm x 45mm x 15mm thick \$1,500/oz 1.24oz



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10. \$3,000 IMG_7375 Mintubi Dark Base Gem \$4,000/oz .639oz



11. \$3,000 IMG_4911 Mintubi Dark Base striped .639oz (side 1)



12. \$3,000 IMG_4914 Mintubi Dark Base striped .639oz (side 2)



13. \$3,000 IMG_4916 Mintubi Dark Base striped .639oz (side 3)



14. \$3,204 DSCN0377 Mintubi Dark Base .534oz \$6,000/oz



15. \$3,204 DSCN0378 Mintubi Dark Base .534oz \$6,000/oz



16. \$9,825 IMG_7444 Mintubi Super Gem \$7,500/oz 1.31oz



17. \$9,825 IMG_7445 Mintubi Super Gem \$7,500/oz 1.31oz



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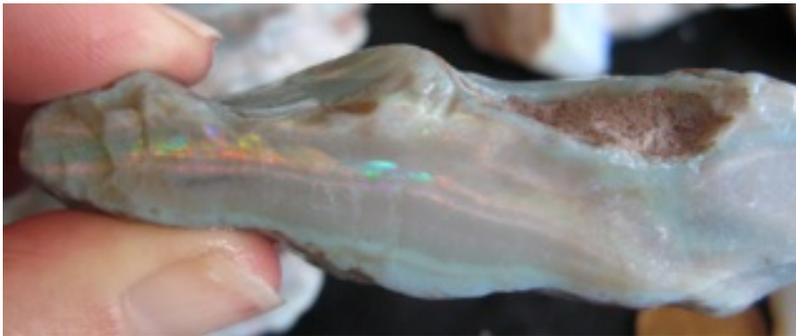
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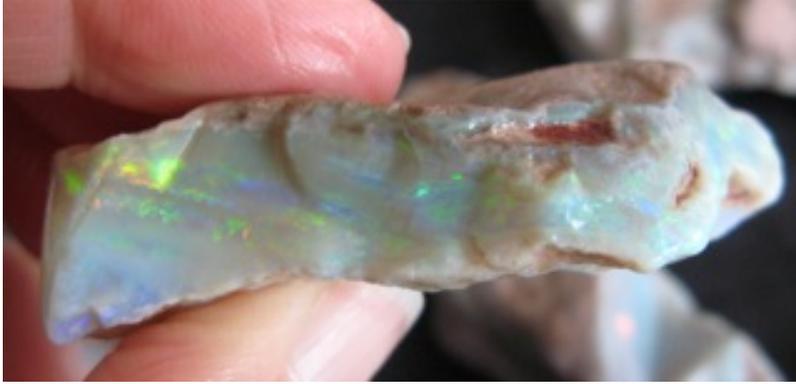
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25. \$33,600 IMG_7419 Mintubi "licorice allsorts" \$7,500/oz 4.48oz #5



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31. \$50,540 IMG_7432 Mintubi Super Gem \$3,800/oz 13.3oz



32. \$50,540 IMG_7440 Mintubi Super Gem \$3,800/oz 13.3oz

Kind regards

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