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IOLITE CUTS SUPERB GEMS

Anglo Swiss Resources Inc. announces the first cut iolite gems from BC. The iolite, garnets and other gemstones from the company's Slocan Valley Blu Starr Property were showcased at the recent Vancouver Investment Conference and the BC and Yukon Chamber of Mines Cordilleran Roundup mining and exploration conference. Positive response to the gemstones was overwhelming. The first iolite gems were cut by master gem cutters and designers Bruce MacLellan of Mountain Gems Ltd., and Ken Dale of Rusty's Gems Ltd., who stated that the iolite is among the finest they have ever cut. The cutters both remarked on the superb blue-violet colour, excellent clarity, and intense brilliance of the gems.

Several custom and unique designs were cut from top-quality [?] garnet rough by the same cutters. They remarked on the absolute uniform density of the cranberry-red colour, ease of cutting, and especially the flash of pink brilliance in the gems, similar to "pigeon's blood" ruby in effect. Two new shipments of garnet and iolite have been returned from Sri Lanka and will be added to the company's inventory of finished gems in preparation for marketing. Additional shipments of gem rough are in progress. The company's gems were recently shown privately to some of Vancouver's top jewelry manufacturers, who were very impressed with the colour and quality, and expressed an interest in purchasing the finished gems.

During his recent keynote address at the Cordilleran Roundup, Senior Regional Geologist Tom Schroeter of the BC Ministry of Energy and Mines recognized Anglo's recent gem discoveries as being of major potential. Regional Geologist H.P. Wilton states in his report 1998 Exploration Highlights of the Kootenay Region that "The significance of gemstones as an important mining resource in the Kootenays is starting to be acknowledged, mainly due to the aggressiveness, sophisticated management and success of Anglo Swiss and the original prospector-discoverers."

The company will be attending the 1999 Tucson Gem Show from February 3rd to 8th. In response to the many expressions of interest from established dealers wishing to examine the new gemstones, appointments for viewing may be made through our Vancouver, British Columbia office.



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