

June 2007 Offer Sheet

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The rainbow pyrite from Russia we'll be sending you in July is quite beautiful—thin veins of iridescent color in a beige matrix, and we have enough pieces so that Junior or Deluxe members can upgrade if you wish—call or Email us for details if you're interested.

We went to the West Coast Gem & Mineral Show last month determined to get lots of new material to offer you—both new, rare minerals and old favorites—and we were quite successful! You'll find lots of interesting minerals in this list (we think.) When you take into consideration that we pay the shipping for orders in the U.S. (and that Postal rates just increased again), we hope you'll realize these are very good deals. And to make everything more affordable, we want to offer an additional 5% discount if you purchase five minerals or more, and 10% for ten or more. Let's start with 12 rare minerals from the former Soviet Union:

BOBIERRITE, Zheleznaya Mine (Iron Mine), Kovdor Massif, Kola Peninsula, Murmanskaya Oblast', Russia. Pearly white monoclinic crystals in dolomite matrix about 1.25" by 1.25" for \$26, slightly larger for \$30.

VOLKONSKOITE, Efimyatskaya Mt, Efimyaty Village, Kama River, Okhansk, Permskaya Oblast', Urals Region, Russia. Masses of pretty, intense green volkonskoite from its type locality, about .75" by 1" for \$16.

SYNGENITE, Kalusa Salt Deposit, Ivanovo-Frankovsk Oblast', Ukraine. Colorless crystals with good faces in small clusters about 1" by 1" for \$24, and 1.5" by 1.5" for \$30.

FENAKSITE, Rasvumchorr Mountain, Khibiny Massif, Kola Peninsula, Murmanskaya Oblast', Russia. Small, light brown plates mixed in rischorite with aegirine and grey delhayelite that fluoresces orange in longwave ultraviolet light. 1" by 1" pieces for \$16 and \$20.

GMELINITE-NA, Sokolovskoe Iron Mine, Rudnyi Altai, Qostanay Oblasty, Kazakhstan. Small, blocky peachy-colored crystals on matrix, good coverage. 1" by 1" for \$12, 2" by 1" for \$16.

NORMANDITE, Partomchorr Mountain, Khibiny Massif, Kola Peninsula, Murmanskaya Oblast', Russia. Orange-brown sprays that look like astrophyllite (our July 2001 featured mineral) in white microcline with black aegirine. Pieces about 1" by 1" for \$24, 2" by 2" for \$32.

VILLIAUMITE, Koashva Mountain, Khibiny Massif, Kola Peninsula, Murmanskaya Oblast', Russia. Dark red crystals about .75" by .75" for \$12, slightly bigger with minor matrix, \$16.

SANTABARBARAITE, Kertchenskoye deposit, near Kertch, Crimea peninsula, Crimea Oblast', Ukraine. Dark brown sprays in light brown limonite or shell matrix about .75" by .75" for \$22, or 1.25" by 1.25" matrix for \$30.

EUDIALYTE CRYSTALS, Rischorr Mountain, Khibiny Massif, Kola Peninsula, Murmanskaya Oblast', Russia. Yes, we said crystals! We've handled lots of grainy eudialyte, but these have faces you can examine. Small, dark red crystals with little or no matrix, about .75" by .75" for \$28; larger in matrix about 1" by 1" for \$40, and slight bigger for \$50.

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LAMPROPHYLLITE, Malyi Punkaruaiv Mt., Lovozero Massif, Kola Peninsula, Murmanskaja Oblast', Russia. Sprays of brown needle-like crystals in matrix about 1" by 1" for \$16, or 2" by 2" for \$22. The matrix on some has slight orange fluorescence under longwave UV light.

CHRYSOBERYL, Emerald mines, Malyshevo, Sverdlovskaya Oblast', Urals Region, Russia. Small, light green, twinned crystals on shiny gray phlogopite matrix. 1" by 1" matrix for \$20, 1" by 2" matrix for \$26. Sorry, they're not the alexandrite variety!

MURMANITE, Karnasurt Mountain, Lovozero Massif, Kola Peninsula, Murmanskaja Oblast', Russia. Groups of small purple plates that look rather like lepidolite, in white feldspar matrix with black aegirine. 1" by 1" for \$24, and 2" by 2" for \$32. Some parts of the matrix fluoresce green in shortwave UV and orange in longwave UV light.

METEORITES, Sikhote-Alin, Russia, our April 2004 featured mineral (Kamacite). We received another batch with smaller pieces, similar to what we sent to Deluxe Club members back in 2004, about 1.5" across and .5" to 1" wide, for \$22.50. The supply of these meteorites with excellent form is starting to dwindle, which means prices will be going up in the near future. These are from the meteorite that fell to Earth at 10:30 AM, February, 1947—perhaps some remember hearing about it when it happened? We still have a few larger pieces about 3" by 1" for \$48. Since featured these, we have a fascinating, in-depth write-up, too.

METEORITES, Gran Chaco Gualamba, near Campo del Cielo, Argentina. These are excellent quality specimens from a new find close to the site at Campo del Cielo, and are in our opinion an excellent buy for the money. We have pieces with good fingerprinting from about 3.5" by 2" to 4" by 2.5" for \$90 to \$150, and a couple larger for \$230 and \$360. Email us if you'd like photos of these attractive visitors from outer space!

PHANTOM CALCITE, Santa Eulalia District, Mun. de Aquiles Serdán, Chihuahua, Mexico. Nice dogtooth shaped crystals, some clear, some reddish-brown. What makes these unusual is that the previous calcite crystals growth underneath fluoresces! 2" by 3" for \$16, \$20, \$36.

FLUELLITE ON WAVELLITE, Willard Mine, Pershing County, Nevada. Small (4mm or less) clear crystals on light green wavellite balls, matrix about 2" by 2" for \$10.

HUBEITE & INESITE, Fengjiashan Mine (Daye Copper Mine), Daye, Huangshi area, Hubei, Central South Region, China. We featured this combo in August 2001, before hubeite had even been published as a new mineral! The write-up contained the documents submitted to the IMA with the original specimens, so you'll receive them too if you order one of these. We have a few matrix pieces left with very small needles of root beer brown hubeite crystals and brownish pink inesite, about .75" by .75" for \$16, 1" by 1" for \$22.50, and 2" by 3" for \$30 & \$40. Not terribly attractive, but pretty cool for a new mineral.

WENDWILSONITE-ROSELITE, Bou Azzer District, Tazenakht, Ouarzazate Province, Souss-Massa-Draâ Region, Morocco. Small, bright pinkish-red crystals on matrix from the type locality for wendwilsonite. Matrix 2" by 1" for \$20, \$24, \$30, \$40, \$50, \$60, by quality.

WOLFRAMITE, Yaogangxian Mine, Yizhang County, Chenzhou Prefecture, Hunan Prov, China. Groups of shiny metallic-black bladed crystals, no matrix, about 2" by 2" for \$24 and \$36.

EPIDOTE, Bendoukou, Sandare District, Kayes Region, Mali, where our September 2005 prehnite specimens were found. We have thick black crystals 2" long and 1" thick with good terminations for \$12 and \$16, or sprays of intergrown crystals for \$16.

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HETEROSITE, Berg, Solleftea, Sweden. Ugly brown masses in 2" by 1" matrix \$6. This forms a series with purpurite and turns purple when treated in the right acid.

GROSSULAR GARNET, Sierra de la Cruz, Coahuila, Mexico, our December 2002 featured mineral. These are the raspberry-colored garnets in a highly breakable white matrix. The garnets, some as big as ½" across, are not formed completely, revealing a black inner core, reflecting a change in the garnet's composition as it grew. 2" by 3" matrix pieces are available for \$22.50 with smaller matrix for \$16.

ALMANDINE GARNETS from the new find at Xinjiang Autonomous Region, China, that we were hoping to feature this year, but that didn't work out. These are large (1" and bigger) single garnets of reddish brown color with unusual, layered growth patterns, in gray mica schist matrix about 2" by 3" for \$22.50.

ALMANDINE GARNETS, Baja California, Mexico. Dark brownish-red over 1.5", almost complete, sharp faces, for \$12.

GROSSULAR GARNETS, Lake Jaco, Chihuahua, Mexico, over 1" across with sharp faces and no matrix, for \$8. Take 15% off if you order one of each of these 4 garnets mentioned here.

SPINEL, Luc Yen, Yenbai Province, Vietnam. We have octahedrons, not quite perfectly formed, but very nice, no matrix, about ½" across for \$18 and \$24. Parts of the crystals fluoresce red under longwave UV light.

CINNABAR, China, our February 2004 mineral, new lot of nice specimens, good sharp crystals on matrix. 2" by 2" matrix for \$16, and slightly larger matrix for \$20.

ENHYDRO AGATE, Fontuero Xavier, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil, polished pieces of beautifully banded agate with water trapped inside! This is the same mineral fluid from which the agate crystallized. Each piece has bands of translucent gray and other colors, and when held to a light, you can easily see the fluid sloshing around inside. We have pieces about 1½" by 1" to 1¼" for \$16, and larger pieces about 2" by 1½" for \$20.

ARAGONITE, Northern Lights mine, Mineral County, Nevada, our January 2004 featured mineral. Lovely delicate sprays of yellow aragonite on matrix, fluoresces and phosphoresces yellow/green under shortwave UV light. About 2" by 2" for \$16.50, and 2" by 3" for \$22.50.

RHODOCHROSITE, La Capillita mine, Catamarca Province, Argentina. Polished thick slices showing the gorgeous pink and white banding of the stalactitic formation. About 2" by 3" for \$60 to \$80, by quality. We also have some larger, exceptional slices, about 6" across and larger, for \$450 and up. Email for a scan if you'd like to see one.

FACETED RHODOCHROSITE, Sweet Home mine, Alma, Park County, Colorado. Since the mine is closed, we pick up any reasonably priced gemstones we can find. We have stones from .79 carat to 4.64 carats from \$140 to over \$800. Call or Email for details. And we still have some crystals with high quality color and crystal form on and off matrix from \$150 to \$600- again, call or Email for info.

BENITOITE, Benitoite Gem Mine, San Benito County, Ca, the California state gemstone. Now that the mine is closed, these specimens should stay high in value. We have excellent, nice-sized specimens from \$250 to \$500 and up-call or E-mail for more info.

