

May 2008 Offer Sheet

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If your curiosity is piqued about minerals from the Ojuela mine, you'll be happy to know that we were able to get a few other pieces from this wonderful locality:

Cuprian adamite is colored green or blue by the presence of copper atoms partially substituting for zinc in adamite's crystal structure. We have some matrix pieces about 2" by 1.5" with small balls of green cuprian adamite crystals on them for \$40; and cuprian adamite on larger matrix pieces about 2" by 2" for \$50 and 3" by 2" for \$60.

Wulfenite as very small, yellow tabular crystals is also found at Ojuela, with very small botryoidal balls of green mimetite. We have matrix pieces about 1.5" by 1.5" with a smattering of very small crystals for \$12, and about 2.5" by 2" matrix with small crystals for \$16 and \$20. These crystals look gorgeous under magnification!

September-October 2003 Mineralogical Record is entirely devoted to the Ojuela mine. The magazine contains photos of dozens of exceptional specimens, gives a complete history of the mine, describes in depth all the minerals found at Ojuela, and has accounts by American mineral dealers of their adventures buying adamite and other minerals at Ojuela. One of the most interesting mineral articles we have ever read. 90 pages long with many full color photos of extraordinary specimens and is available for \$20 plus \$3 for shipping.

Fluorite, Esperanza mine, near Melchor Muzquiz, Coahuila, Mexico. Modified cubes of intensely dark purple that we first thought must be from the now-closed fluorite mines of southern Illinois! About 2" by 3" and slightly larger clusters, without matrix, for \$24 and \$32; 4" by 4" and larger for \$40 and \$48.

Gaspeite, 132 North deposit, Widgiemooltha, Western Australia. Small veins of this creamy green mineral, now used for very expensive beads and cabochons, in brown matrix about 2" by 1" for \$12, and a couple of 3" by 2" for \$24.

Andradite Garnet, Sarbayskiy mine, Rudyi, Kustanay Oblast, Kazakhstan. Clusters of small, intensely black garnets with a slightly elongated form, on matrix about 1.5" by 1" for \$30, and 2" by 2" for \$40. Most garnets are less than .25", and each piece has many of them.

Kyanite, Sao Jose da Safira, Minas Gerais, Brazil, our May 1996 mineral. Cluster of long thin blue blades jutting out in every direction. About 3" by 4" for \$35, 4" by 4" and larger for \$50 and \$60.

Citrine, Madagascar. Natural, unheated citrine crystals with light yellow color and good terminations, polished, about 1" to 1.5" high by .5" to 1" wide for \$12 each or 3 for \$30.

Carnelian, Madagascar. Polished pebble-shaped pieces with beautiful bands of red, beige, and white. We sold a lot of this material wholesale in Tucson. About 2.5" by 2" for \$14, with fist-size polished chunks about 3" by 3" and bigger for \$30 and \$40, by size/heft.

NATIVE PLATINUM, Konder mine, Aldan shield, Sakha Republic, Russia. Small, somewhat-deformed cubes of this valuable metal. About 1/8" for \$50 or about 3/8" for \$70 and \$80.

