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Hello everyone,

We have quite a few new and interesting minerals on our site this week, which we have listed below.

However, we just want to bring to your attention the fact that we have **reduced all the prices on our website** in response to the rather rapid drop in the Australian dollar against the US.

We also have our Dinosaur Replicas on sale, from \$99.00 and more, **ALL down to US\$43.25.**



Just check out fossil replicas at <http://www.aamineralspecimens.com/servlet/the-Fossils-cln-Replica/Categories>

Here are some of our new, mostly Australian offerings:

An unusually large specimen of almost pure **Cuprite** from the Red Dome Mine, Chillagoe, Queensland, Australia.



<http://www.aamineralspecimens.com/servlet/the-194/cuprite-copper-red-dome/Detail>

A complex and spectacular cluster of **Quartz crystals** centered on one main crystal that is complexly doubly terminated. The smaller cross-cutting quartz crystals are also doubly terminated. (from China).



<http://www.aamineralspecimens.com/servlet/the-200/quartz-hematite-china-doubly/Detail>

An unexpected specimen of **Diaboleite** comes from Ashburton Downs, Western Australia, a site not usually associated with the species. The brilliant, sky blue crystals of Diaboleite form a coat over a pale siliceous matrix.



<http://www.aamineralspecimens.com/servlet/the-205/diaboleite-ashburton-western-Australia/Detail>

From Broken Hill, NSW, a **Smithsonite** specimen with numerous reniform encrustations forming a stalactite over what appears to be a black manganese oxide center.



<http://www.aamineralspecimens.com/servlet/the-202/smithsonite-broken-hill-Australia/Detail>

Very large **Sphalerite crystals** with long, nicely terminated, white **Quartz** crystals interspersed over the upper surface. Some of the sphalerite displays a deep ruby red translucency indicating a very pure zinc sulphide. From Huanzala Peru.



<http://www.aamineralspecimens.com/servlet/the-197/sphalerite-quartz-pyrite-huanzala/Detail>

Antlerite from the Duchess prospect near Mt Isa. We have been fortunate in being able to source another specimen of this massive example of this mineral.



<http://www.aamineralspecimens.com/servlet/the-206/antlerite-malachite-Mt-Isa/Detail>

A beautiful sample of **Heulandite** from the surprising locality of Tambar Springs, New South Wales, Australia. The pearly lustre is something else!



<http://www.aamineralspecimens.com/servlet/the-207/heulandite-Tambar-Springs-Australia/Detail>

An interesting specimen of **amethyst crystals clustered on Diopside**, from Mt Elliot Mine, Queensland Australia.



<http://www.aamineralspecimens.com/servlet/the-208/Mt-Elliot-green-purple/Detail>

A beautiful piece of dendritic **Native Copper** from Mt Elliot Mine in Queensland, Australia. This specimen has a variety of fine, white, reniform globules of carbonate minerals disseminated throughout the dendrite.



<http://www.aamineralspecimens.com/servlet/the-209/native-copper-queensland-Australia/Detail>

And finally, an impressive specimen of Conichalcite from the oxidized zone of the Lorena Deposit near Cloncurry, Queensland, Australia.



<http://www.aamineralspecimens.com/servlet/the-210/conichalcite-lorena-queensland-Australia/Detail>

Of course, you can see more of our new and other offerings on our site at www.aamineralspecimens.com

Happy collecting!

Bruce and Susan
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