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Dear Dave Barthelmy

In this issue we introduce a **brand new ZIRCON find from Malawi, Africa**. These zircons are quite amazing in their size and crystal structure. We are delighted that AA Mineral Specimens has the worldwide distribution rights for these specimens and we will be adding more to our site over time. Please see the more detailed article below.

We are also very pleased that we have secured a stand at Tucson for the 2009 Gem and Mineral Show. We will be at the JG&M Exposition Simpson street show at stand 209. We plan on having a supply of the zircons in Tucson.

At the moment we are running a promotion offering a **USD15.00 Certificate to all new subscribers** to this newsletter. If you like our newsletter, let your friends know.

There is still time to ship specimens for Christmas, so if you see something on our site that would make a good gift, we'll be sure to ship it asap.

All the best

Susan and Bruce.

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New Find: Malawi Zircons

You will see in our new stock today the first of a new find of zircon crystals from the Rift Mineral Province of Malawi in Africa.

The zircons are from a pegmatite in a highly mineralized area of ancient gneisses intruded by a number of granite bodies. Remember it is from pegmatites that the wonderful variety of tourmalines, aquamarines, topaz and kunzites that made the gem fields of Brazil, Pakistan and Afghanistan so famous for as collecting localities.

These zircons present a number of surprises. Firstly the size and weight with the largest we have in the first parcel being almost 3kg.

Secondly the quality of the terminations which are sharp and fresh. There are frequent examples of the unusual "house roof" termination style.

These zircons are also rich in uranium, thorium and rare earths and are slightly radioactive and fluoresce a bright yellow and occasionally orange. The zircons range in color from light grey, deep red, deep red brown and dark plum color.

We have shown these specimens to several eminent mineralogists and dealers. Not one has recognized them as zircons, due, they say to their sheer mass and crystallinity and the fact they had not seen anything like them and never associated zircon with this size. These are exceptional items due to their size and crystallinity.

Take note that pegmatites tend to be restricted in size and future supply is uncertain.

New Stock



Zircon

Zircon, Rift Mineral Province, Malawi.



Zircon

Zircon, Rift Mineral Province, Malawi.



Rutile & Hematite

Rutile & Hematite, Nova Horizonte, Bahia, Brazil.



Bustamite

Bustamite & Galena, Zinc Corporation Mine, Broken Hill, Australia.

Rhodochrosite

Rhodochrosite, Uchucchacua Mine, Lime Dept, Peru.



Epimorphous Pyrite

Epimorphous Pyrite, Cadjebut, Western Australia.



Uvite, Quartz

Uvite on quartz, Bahia, Brazil.



Calcite

Calcite, Hunan, China.



Emerald

Emerald, Yunan Province, China.



Prehnite

Prehnite, Prospect Quarry, NSW Australia.



Specular Hematite

Specular Hematite, Pedra Pit, Bahia, Brazil.



Rhodochrosite, Quartz

Rhodochrosite on quartz, Pachapaqui, Peru.



Smithsonite

Smithsonite, Berg Aukas, Namibia.
Sphalerite, Covellite, Animon Mine, Cerro de Pasco, Peru.

Itinerary

December 2008
Sunday 7th December
Wahroonga Village Fair

February 2009
31 January to 15 February
Stall 209, JG& M Exposition, Simpson Street

Wahroonga (Sydney, NSW)

Tucson, Arizona, USA

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