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New from Brazil

First, a very Happy New Year to all of you!

You will have noticed it's been some time since my last email. After some intervening events, we're back on track and will be back to normal after Tucson, with lots of super mineral specimens coming.

This new [Brazil Update \(click here\)](#) has a small number of specimens from each of two separate finds near Conselheiro Pena.

The first are the spessartines from the famous March 2003 pocket at the Navegadora Mine. The Navegadora Mine exploits a pegmatite and produces feldspar for commercial

purposes - It is not mined for specimens, and this pocket was unique. It has been regarded as the best garnet crystal pocket ever found in Brazil.

From the much more recent find, I've been able to acquire a few more of the new wodginites - quite remarkable for this uncommon mineral. This is not an easy mineral to acquire in collector-quality crystals. Most from this find were very chipped, but these ones are very good. When initially found, these wodginites were sold within Brazil with incorrect locality information. This is often done to protect an original source soon after a find, although it's not clear whether that was the reason in this case. In any event, they are confirmed to be from the Itatiaia Mine, and the original attribution of early specimens to "Linopolis District, Divino das Laranjeiras" should be corrected.

Hope you enjoy these!

Canadian and US Dollar

The currency disparity remains significant in favour of the U.S. dollar these days. My usual reminder - prices on the website are in Canadian dollars (if you are thinking in - or used to browsing online minerals in - US dollar terms).

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