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Subject: **Opalised Squid (belemnite) OFFER 10 Dec 2010**

Hi Folk

Below is a picture of the best opalised super gem squid (belemnite) IMG_5749 I have ever seen in my life.

Belemnites are according to scientists 105 million years old and are the centre of the gristle part a squid. We are told that the gristle was covered in sand and when it dissipated left the exact shape of that centre part of the squid in the ground. When opal was formed it was a liquid and as it travelled through the ground it deposited in the cast left by the dissipating squid. They are always pointy at one end and if you have the entire belemnite there is a cylindrical hole at the other end. Belemnites are also referred to as "pipes" by opal miners and are cylindrical conical in shape.

Below are some pictures of some squid that we offer to you this week as our special offer. For your information the setting of the super gem squid we had done by our jeweller for only \$570. I can guarantee that if you wanted a squid set we could have it done for no more than \$570 but you will probably want to polish your own squid and have it set yourself. I have one of these and wear it as a necklace myself. It's not unusual for very masculine opal miners, dealers and opalholics to wear a squid or some sort of opal pendant around their necks.

See IMG_2736 which clearly shows the hole in one end of the squid, the hole is full of mud or sandstone. I can highly recommend that \$1,000 parcel of squid to you, it is one squid in four pieces, is approximately 4" long and is skin to skin gem colour. You could reconstruct it into one piece or it can be cut into gemstones either way it's magnificent.

IMG_6125-36 is a Seafood Cocktail it really is magnificent with gem opal in it. There are belemnites and parts of opalised sea shells, in all there is 1.55oz. The smallest red belemnite together with a partly cleaned up shell with tremendous gem bars running through it are worth more than \$900 by themselves. In fact the belemnite which has already been polished weighs 11.2cts and only \$75/ct that stone was worth a minimum of \$840. This Seafood Cocktail is a must for any cutter and in particular for people who like to collect sea crustaceans.

We also have opal shell replacements, opal snail (euspira) replacements for sale. If you would like to look at some let us know and Heather will be only too happy to send you some pictures. The shells are fantastic, we have already had many of them drilled so you can put a wire or cord through them so that they can be worn immediately because they are already polished.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Regards

Murray

PS Oprah is in Australia at the moment with some 350 Americans travelling to many different places in Australia and Oprah is going to do some shows broadcasting them to America while she is here. No doubt she will be showing quite a few snippets of our country. It will be great publicity for Australia so if you remember and you have a minute take a look at some of her shows from Australia we are sure you'll see a lot of nice things.

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One of our clients in Queensland had the misfortune of having a beautiful Gemstar "Straight 8" stolen.

The cutting machine was in a cutting room under his and was bolted to a post. Thieves came in during the night with bolt cutters etc and stole the whole machine plus some spare wheels and blades. Our client is devastated, he is not in a very good financial position. Because the cutting room was under the house the insurance company won't cover it although there was a break and entry and bolt cutters were used. I would be having a word with my insurance broker if I were him.

Two days earlier he was in a shop selling an opal to a lady and the lady believes there was a man there that overheard them, started talking to them and two days later our client was robbed.

If you hear anything about this machine we would appreciate knowing. The person who stole it could be associated with someone in Lightning Ridge. The police have been given a name in the Lightning Ridge area but personally I don't hold a lot of hope.

Please keep your ear open. If you hear anything let us know.

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3. \$30 each IMG_2610.JPG Opalised Squid pieces (2)
4. \$30 IMG_2570.JPG Opalised Squid
5. \$50 IMG_2592.JPG Opalised Squid Gem .0432oz
6. \$50 IMG_1121 Squid nice piece 14.5cts
7. \$50 each IMG_2594.JPG Opalised Squid (3)
8. \$60 IMG_2607.JPG Opalised Squid .147oz (30 x 10mm)
9. \$85 IMG_2656.JPG Opalised Squid

10. \$95 IMG_1170 Squid Super Gem small 6.09cts
11. \$99 IMG_5788 Opalised Squid in 4 gem pieces .56oz
12. \$100 IMG_2660.JPG Opalised Squid 12.22cts
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20. \$350 IMG_5778 Gem Squid Belemnite (part) full colour "skin to skin" - worth setting in gold 9.31 grams
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22. \$525 IMG_2723.JPG Lambina Gem Squid piece
23. \$750 each IMG_2729.JPG Opalised Squid pieces (2) (two on right fit together)
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