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Hi Folk

To open our offer this week below you will see the first paragraph of an email I received from an ex miner from Lightning Ridge, he just about says it all.

So all the opals we offer to you below have been dug out by heroines and heroes and if the heroine didn't dig it out she stuck by his man while he did. In spite of the hazards we can offer you these opals still at most reasonable prices. I have a picture of one of my friends hanging up in my office, I was in his mine exactly one week less one hour before the roof caved in and killed him. Every time I have a stone in my hand I can tell you I appreciate the hazardous and hard work a miner has had to do to "steal that opal" from Mother Earth. I hope these words give you some appreciation of the difficulty in producing opal.

"Sorry you didn't land on a nice pocket of Black Opal. I loved mining but you really do need to good arms, two good legs and quick reflexes. Still, it's an exciting business although I have to say all of the underground hazards at the Ridge did give me pause. Between the occasional pocket of poisonous gases to poisonous snakes in the mine shaft [happened to me once] and the many faults that could kill one in an instant those guys do not get paid enough. That said I loved it."

The Imperial Prase comes from only one mine in Western Australia, I am not aware of any other mines that produce this material. There is very little waste, as you can see it's quite chunky, we have actually slabbed it up. It is darker than Chrysoprase, you will see that we have put three lots of Chrysoprase in this offer as well. If you just want some single pieces of Chrysoprase we can do that, pieces anywhere between \$30-100. The 1.9 kilos Chrysoprase which is 8" x 4.5" and 2" thick for \$250/kilo only \$475 for the piece is a magnificent piece. You can do many many things with it but it wouldn't hurt to just polish one side and have it as a magnificent specimen.

It is not often that you get opals with just blues. In this offer there is some Lambina Blues that I can highly recommend, there are 7 stones .56oz for \$280. There is one big beautiful blue stone .85oz at only \$200/oz for only \$170. There are also quite a few blues with greens in the ounce of Blue Green Boulder opal, that is seam opal there is no ironstone on it, that ounce is only \$195.

The Dead Horse Gully Dark Base stone 1.15oz only \$85/oz, there is a chance of some red on black there, that's a very nice piece for only \$97.75.

The faced off Mintubi 1.14oz \$400/oz is magnificent, it has sandstone on the back but you are looking at about \$1,500/oz colour there. If you want one spectacular ring stone the Mintubi Super Gem for \$178.50 is very hard to go past but will cut a stone a minimum of 12.9mm x 10mm. You could cut some matching pairs out of

the .5oz Mintubi Special at only \$400/oz, there are 10 stones in this packet and each stone is going to cut a lovely stone, there is one big long one in there which would make a lovely pendant so in the rough these stones are only \$20 each if you can't double your money on that or even treble it my name is not Murray Willis.

In the .82oz Dark Base Mintubi we call it dark base the miners would want to call it black, are 4 lovely stones for only \$328. From the same parcel there is one big stone 2.2oz for \$880, that's a magnificent piece, nearly .25" thick and 2.5" x 2.9". I defy you to find another black opal this big for only \$880, whilst the bar mightn't go all through it when you face the stone off you are going to get something that is really really different and magnificent, for that money you could even carve something very special out of it. The Mintubi .169oz is 2" x 2.1" and .5" thick \$125/oz \$245, that's a unique piece even for a beginner, you are never going to lay your hands on another chunk of beautiful piece healthy opal like that for that money unless it's the piece of 8 Mile that has been faced off on the top 1.54oz for only \$308.

Last but not least is a beautiful Mintubi faced stone 1.28oz is 3" wide, 2" high and well over 1/8" thick. You can see the colours in the picture but if you grind down more it is going to come up even better. In fact if I were going to buy one stone out of all this it would be either the big black \$880 or this beautiful faced off Mintubi for \$384.

I am proud to send you this offer and I hope you will find something there there that will fit your pocket book.

All the best.

Regards

Murray

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10. \$170 IMG\_6008 Lambina Blues \$200/oz .85oz
11. \$174 IMG\_5565 Imperial Prase \$400/kilo .435kilo
12. \$178.50 IMG\_9832.JPG Mintubi Super Gem \$3,500/oz .051oz
13. \$184 IMG\_3449.JPG Mintubi Dark Base \$400/oz .46oz
14. \$195 IMG\_2536 Boulder Blue Green 1oz
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17. \$280 IMG\_6699 Lambina Blue Green .56oz \$500/oz

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- 23. \$384 IMG\_3152 Mintubi faced stone \$300/oz 1.28oz
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some amber potch \$3.50/oz 112oz (will sell in 15oz lots)
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- 28. \$560 IMG\_3170 Mintubi Faced on Sandstone \$400/oz 1.4oz
- 29. \$678 IMG\_2459 Mintubi Plate \$600/oz 1.13oz
- 30. \$720 DSCN4129 Prase P4 1.8kg \$400/kilo
- 31-32. \$880 IMG\_2885 Mintubi Dark Base \$400/oz 2.2oz
- 33. \$1,062 DSCN6301 Mintubi Super Gem \$225/g MG2c 4.72gram
- 34. \$1,330 IMG\_1818 15 Mile Dark Base Gem Reds Golds Greens  
\$2,000/oz .655oz (37mm x 34mm x 14mm)
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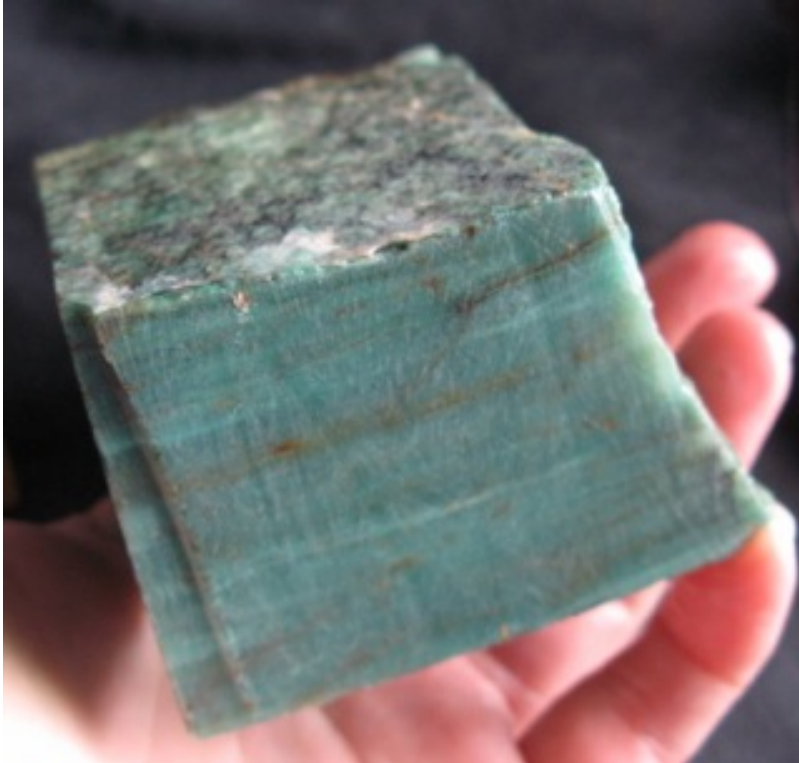
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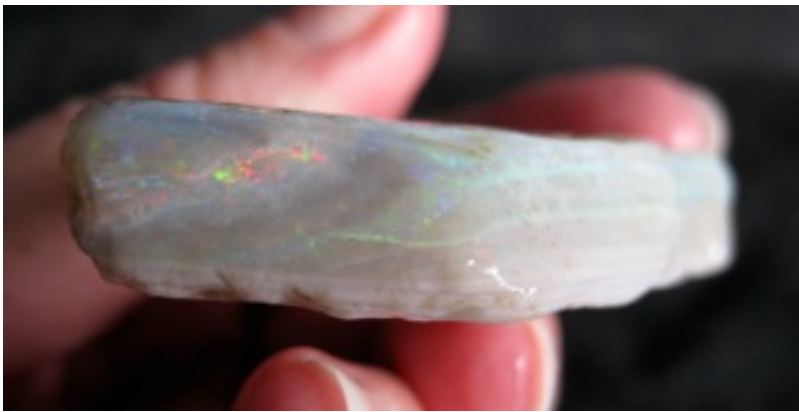
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