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*** Rapaport article on Winza rubies from Gubelin gemmologists:

The July issue of 'Rapaport' magazine features an article by Vincent Pardieu and Dr. Dietmar Schwarz, both gemmologists at the Gubelin Gem Lab, on the new ruby finds at Winza, Dodoma province, Tanzania. The authors report on a fieldtrip conducted in April this year to the source of these astonishing new rubies.

*** Research publication on treated diamonds:

The latest issue of 'La Revue de Gemmologie AFG', a French journal, features the second part of a trilogy of articles on diamonds, written by Gubelin Gem Lab gemmologist Dr. Eric Erel. This second article discusses diamond treatments, stressing the combination of various treatment techniques in fancy coloured diamonds, e.g. heat treatment following irradiation.

*** OPT New York in August cancelled due to construction of new facilities at the Gubelin Lab:

As announced in a recent Gubelin Newsflash, the premises of the Gubelin laboratory in Lucerne are currently undergoing extensive remodelling and expansion to accommodate the growing number of staff, and to house newly acquired equipment. Because of this ongoing construction work, the Gubelin Lab has been forced to cancel the planned Off-Premise-Testing (OPT) in August. We regret any possible inconvenience that this may cause and we invite our New York clients to use one of the Gubelin Shuttles, operated by Malca-Amit and Ferrari, to send their gems to Switzerland for testing (see the 'Gubelin Shuttle' section of our website www.gubelingemlab.ch).

*** OPT Hong Kong in September brought forward, now from September 13th to 20th:

As usual, Gubelin gemmologists will be on hand to offer their services during the September Jewellery & Watch Fair in Hong Kong. Again, the lab will be established on the 30th floor of the Grand Hyatt Hotel, next to the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre. The OPT starts on September 13th and closes - earlier than in previous years - on September 20th, i.e. on the second to last day of the Fair. We ask our clients kindly to bring us their stones as early as possible to ensure a timely return.

*** Pierre Hardy joins the Gubelin team of gemmologists:

The Gubelin Gem Lab is happy to welcome a new gemmologist to their team. Pierre Hardy, a French – Australian dual national, studied geology in Australia, pursuing his compelling interest in minerals and gems. After completion of his studies, he gained experience in the field of mining and exploration with several Australian mining companies. He undertook specialist gemmological training, extending his knowledge of diamonds and coloured stones, and is thus ready to start his career with the Gubelin Gem Lab.

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