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*** Scarcity of unheated rubies leads to undersupply of the market:

Over the last couple of years, most of the traditional supplier countries of ruby (e.g. Burma, Thailand/Cambodia) have experienced a significant drop in their production of high-quality ruby. Other producers of rubies, such as Madagascar, Kenya, Tanzania, Vietnam, Afghanistan and Tajikistan could also not satisfy the demand for top-quality stones. The resulting undersupply, especially of large natural (i.e. unheated) rubies, led to rising carat-prices for unheated rubies of almost any geographic origin.

*** Gubelin Lab boosts investments in analytical instruments:

The Gubelin Gem Lab is permanently modernising and upgrading its level of sophisticated analytical instruments, to provide an even higher level of analysis both in Lucerne and while performing Off-Premise-Testings abroad. Among other investments, a significant step ahead is the acquisition of a Laser-Ablation Inductively-Coupled Plasma Mass Spectrometer (LA-ICP-MS) for the laboratory in Lucerne. This cutting edge analytical tool further distinguishes the quality and competence of both research work and client services at the Gubelin Gem Lab.

*** Lucerne inaugurates portrait of Dr. Eduard Gubelin in its gallery of distinguished citizens:

The portrait gallery of Lucerne unifies paintings of important local personalities, who have earned a distinguished reputation in the region and abroad. Today, the gallery inaugurates the portrait of the late Prof. Dr. h.c. Eduard Gubelin, C.G., FGA, in its collection. The city thus pays homage to this outstanding gemmologist and his life's achievements.

*** Research manager of Gubelin Lab holds opening lecture at Bangkok Gems & Jewellery Conference:

From 6-9 December 2006, the Gem and Jewelry Institute of Thailand is organising the 1st GIT International Gems & Jewellery Conference, which will take place in the Queen Sirikit National Convention Center in Bangkok. The objective of this event is to update and integrate all aspects of today's gem and jewellery industry. The Research Manager of the Gubelin Gem Lab, Dr. Dietmar Schwarz, is invited to present the opening lecture for the first gemmology session on December 6th about "Gemstones of the World".

*** Gubelin Lab schedules additional Off-Premise-Testings for 2007:

Over the next years, Gubelin gemmologists will spend more time in New York, Hong Kong and Bangkok. The first Off-Premise-Testings (OPT) will be held in New York from 6 - 15 of February, and in Hong Kong from 6 - 12 of March. The exact dates and times of these and all other Off-Premise-Testings are listed under the OPT section of www.gubelingemlab.ch.

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