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Headlines:

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Many high-quality rubies of unconfirmed origin were seen recently on gemstones markets and gemmological laboratories. Apparently, these rubies were sold in the Burmese capital of Yangon. While one Tajik seller claims that the rubies are from the Murghab area in the Pamir mountains of Tajikistan, the Gubelin Gem Lab only confirms that the stones originate from the region of Tajikistan, Afghanistan or Pakistan. These rubies display gemmological properties known from several marble-type ruby deposits in the "Ruby Belt".

*** Revamped Take-in window for Gubelin services in Dubai is now fully operational:

The Gubelin Shuttle Dubai is replaced by an improved system offering more attractive prices and even better service. The new Gubelin Take-in Window operated by the Dubai Gem Certification (DGC) is offering round-trip transportation to the Gubelin Lab for only US\$ 25.-, with 10 days turnaround time (see www.dgc.ae for details). The DGC is a service created to facilitate certification for gemstones, pearls and jewellery items. DGC is a creation of the Dubai Multi Commodities Centre (DMCC), a Dubai government initiative.

*** Gubelin Lab conducts diamond testing for Type IIa at BaselWorld:

As every year, the Gubelin Gem Lab will have a booth during the BaselWorld show in early April, Hall 3.1., booth number N09, as last year. For the first time, diamonds may be given for on-site determination of diamond type.

The Gubelin Lab aims to analyse and return the items to the booth within 24 hours. This will, however, depend on the current work load at the laboratory in Lucerne. This express service is courtesy of the lab.

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