

American Gemological Laboratories (AGL)

Conducts On-Site Testing During

Hong Kong Show September 2009

8 September 2009: NEW YORK – American Gemological Laboratories will be performing on-site testing of colored stones for Identification, Enhancement and Origin reports during the Hong Kong Watch and Jewellery Fair from the 21st to the 27th of September 2009.

As part of AGL's outreach program to support their national and international clients, staff members Christopher P. Smith and Sun Joo Chung will be available throughout the HKG Fair period to provide the same high-quality reporting services that are a staple of our New York based operations.

We will be accepting stones for analyses on a first-come, first-served basis, so we encourage those interested to make an appointment. Our contact details during the show period are as follows:

Contact during the Fair:

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Please contact our office to set up an appointment: +1-212-704-0727 or agl@aglgemlab.com

Sincerely,

Your AGL Team

Christopher P. Smith is an internationally renowned gemologist. He began his career at the Gemological Institute of America's Gem Trade Lab in California and was more recently their Director of Colored Stone Services the GIA's New York laboratory. Smith was also a past Director of the Gübelin Gem Lab, in Luzern, Switzerland where he worked for nearly twelve years.

Smith most recently received the prestigious Antonio C. Bonanno award for Excellence in Gemology by the Accredited Gemologists Association and has been widely published internationally on a broad range of gem-related topics, including gemstone treatments, their detection and proper disclosure, gemstone origins, diamonds, colored diamonds, their characterization and treatment detection and new gem materials, as well as others. He has been a past recipient of the Edward J. Gübelin award for most valuable article in *Gems & Gemology*, as well as the Richard T. Liddicoat award from the American Gem Society. Smith has been instrumental in improving the methodology of gemological testing and developing innovative disclosure terminology. He was also a founding member of the Laboratory Manual Harmonization Committee (LMHC), a collaborative effort of major gem labs around the world to come together and harmonize reporting nomenclature.

American Gemological Laboratories (AGL) is the United States' most widely known and respected colored stone laboratory. It was founded in 1977 and became the first gemological laboratory in the US to provide country-of-origin determinations and quality grading for colored stones. AGL has become an iconic brand for uncompromised standards and excellence in gemstone reporting and is regularly featured by the auction houses of Christie's and Sotheby's for important colored stones they are offering for sale.

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