

Dear Reader,

In last week's ePrism we linked to an article titled "Hunting Barak Osama in Tibet-In Search of Andesine Mines" detailing a research team's progress in establishing Tibet as a source of andesine deposits. It appears that some of our readers were offended by the title, feeling that it was inappropriate and disrespectful to the President.

Each week we produce ePrism, over a hundred issues in the past two years, we have tried to include links to articles and websites of interest that provide helpful information for your business, current events, and material that was both entertaining and thought provoking. It was not our intent, nor the article's author, to make a political statement and we regret that some of our readers may have been offended by it. We hold the office of the Presidency in the highest regard and certainly intended no disrespect to it or to the President.

We will continue to develop rigorous standards and policies to ensure that the content of ePrism will reflect the values of the American Gem Trade Association, its members and all of the readers who subscribe to it.

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Respectfully,
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