

IMPORTANT NOTICES FOR PURCHASERS

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE BUYERS OF GEMSTONES/JEWELS

Purchasers are advised that whilst great care has been taken in the examination of gemstones, it is not possible to test every gemstone in multi-gemstone lots.

Notes 1 – Coloured Gemstones

Historically, many coloured gemstones have been subjected to a variety of treatments designed to enhance their appearance. Certain enhancement methods, such as heating, are routinely used to improve colour or transparency in rubies and sapphires. Other methods, such as oiling, enhance the clarity of emeralds. The international jewellery trade has generally accepted these methods. Other coloured gemstones may have undergone other permanent or semi-permanent treatments, such as dyeing, irradiation, coating and impregnation, possibly requiring further re-treatment in order to retain their appearance.

Prospective purchasers should assume that all gemstones will have been treated unless statements are made to the contrary. Gemmological reports from internationally recognised Gemmological Laboratories will be noted in the item description where available.

Note 2 – Diamonds

Recent advancements in technology have led to some diamonds being treated in a number of ways, all designed to improve their appearance or alter colour. These processes include fracture filling, laser drilling, a combination of drilling and filling, HPHT, irradiation and various coatings. Buyers are also alerted to the fact that synthetic (laboratory created) diamonds, notably in small (melee) sizes are now produced in large quantities. Whilst every effort is made to identify or disclose treated and synthetic goods, it is not possible for Fellows to guarantee that all diamond set lots do not contain such material.

Fellows do not knowingly offer treated diamonds for sale, unless a gemmological report disclosing the type of treatment has been obtained from an internationally recognised Gemmological Laboratory, and stated within the item description. Diamond grades for colour and clarity (see separate Notes on Diamond Grading terms) where printed in the catalogues are intended as guides for prospective purchasers, with the given limitations of mounts and settings, and are not guaranteed by Fellows.

Statements in the catalogue regarding the condition of lots in this sale may appear in the description, however, the absence of such a reference does not imply that a lot is in a perfect or near perfect condition, or completely free from wear or imperfections. Fellows will be pleased to offer Condition Reports to interested clients for lots with estimates of £100 or more.