

## IMPORTANT NOTICES FOR PURCHASERS

### IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE BUYERS OF GEMSTONES/JEWELS

#### 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 variety of ways designed to enhance their appearance. These treatments can include fracture filling, laser drilling, irradiation and coating, and whilst all efforts are made to identify such treatments, it is not possible for Fellows to guarantee that all lots containing diamonds are free of these enhancements.

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.

## Diamond Grading Terms

### DIAMOND COLOUR

GIA	OLD WORLD TERMS	EXPLANATION	GIA	OLD WORLD TERMS	EXPLANATION
D	Finest White (Jager)	Colourless	K	Silver Cape (Top Cape)	Traces of colour. Small stones in this range will 'face up' colourless when mounted but larger stones will be tinted.
E	Finest White (River)	Colourless	L	Silver Cape (Top Cape)	Traces of colour. Small stones in this range will 'face up' colourless when mounted but larger stones will be tinted.
F	Fine White (River)	Colourless	M	Light Cape (Cape)	Traces of colour. Small stones in this range will 'face up' colourless when mounted but larger stones will be tinted.
G	Fine White (Top Wesselton)	Near Colourless: diamonds 'face up' colourless. Slight traces of colour will not be apparent in the mounted stones to other than the trained eye.	N	Light Cape (Low Cape)	Diamonds graded N through Z+ display a yellowish tint even to the untrained eye.
H	White (Top Wesselton)	Near Colourless: diamonds 'face up' colourless. Slight traces of colour will not be apparent in the mounted stones to other than the trained eye.	P	Cape O – R (Very Light Yellow)	Diamonds graded N through Z+ display a yellowish tint even to the untrained eye.
I	White (Top Wesselton)	Near Colourless: diamonds 'face up' colourless. Slight traces of colour will not be apparent in the mounted stones to other than the trained eye.	Z	Cape R – Z (Very Light Yellow)	Diamonds graded N through Z+ display a yellowish tint even to the untrained eye.
J	Top Silver (Top Wesselton)	Near Colourless: diamonds 'face up' colourless. Slight traces of colour will not be apparent in the mounted stones to other than the trained eye.	Z+	Fancy Yellow	Diamonds graded N through Z+ display a yellowish tint even to the untrained eye.

### DIAMOND CLARITY

GIA	OLD WORLD TERMS	EXPLANATION	GIA	OLD WORLD TERMS	EXPLANATION
IF	Internally Flawless	No inclusions visible with a 10x lens even to an experienced grader.	SI1 & SI2	Slightly Included	Noticeable inclusions visible with a 10x lens.
VVS1 & VVS2	Very Very Slightly Included	Minute inclusions, which are difficult, even for experienced graders, to see with a 10x lens.	I1, I2 & I3	Pique 1, 2 & 3	Obvious inclusions, may be visible to the unaided eye, face up. In I3 they may affect the stone's durability.
VS1 & VS2	Very Slightly Included	Minor inclusions, observable with effort with a 10x lens.			