

Fascination with tanzanite

US-based coloured gemstone specialist AG Color sees continued demand for calibrated tanzanites and gem-quality stones in larger sizes of up to 30 carats despite a generally slow global market.

AG Color President Hemant Phophaliya said the company is training its sights on American buyers and potential clients from Europe and Asia at the March Hong Kong Fair.

“Buyers can choose from our wide range of fine fancy-cut singles and pairs, beautiful cabochons, buff tops, checkerboards and drops,” remarked Phophaliya.

The company is showcasing an exceptional collection of singles of 5 carats to 150 carats, matched pairs ranging from 5 carats to 100 carats, and a selection of finished jewellery.

“Recently, we were able to cut some exceptional fine-quality

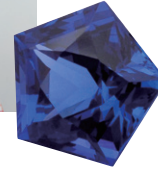


AG Color's Hemant Phophaliya showcases a 32-carat tanzanite ring with diamonds and a pair of earrings with 36.5 carats of tanzanite gems

rough. We now have a large selection of singles and pairs, top-billed by a collection of 40-carat

to 70-carat buff top singles with a smooth table like a cabochon and a culet with unique faceting,”

Phophaliya said.



Fancy-shaped tanzanite

Other exceptional products taking centre stage at the fair are a pair of pear-shaped tanzanites with a total carat weight of 87, a three-piece heart-shaped set of 97.13 carats, an oval tanzanite set of 88.03 carats and a 16-piece oval layout of 298.98 carats.