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Subject: questionnaire

Good afternoon !

Received fax pertaining to your questionnaire. I will answer your questions as brief as possible.

1) "Come into being" is like birth. Pertaining to a diamond, I believe that a diamond has two births. First when it comes out of the mine or alluvial deposit. Second when a polished gem is completed from the crystal. This is much like the life cycle of a butterfly. One life with two distinct births.

2) Terms such as 'Canadian diamond', 'diamond of Canada' or any similiar terminology at this moment do not mean very much. These or any other terms are very vague. These terms do not have a definition attached to them. To have any true meaning, each term must have a definition attached to it.

3) I as a purchaser in the jewellery trade and my clients as end user purchasers, we would have the same expectations. That would be that a 'Canadian diamond' could be found in any of these catagories but with definite and different nomenclatures. An authorized logo or trademark lasered onto the diamond girdle could differentiate these catagories. The problem to be encountered with different nomenclatures or lasering is the honesty of the jewellery trade.

4) As is common practice in the world jewellery industry, the name attached to a gem stone can either be from its source of mining, its place of being cut or its colour/quality. Burmese ruby is mined in Burma but also refers to very fine quality ruby that is mined from different sources. Ceylon sapphire refers to a certain colour range in blue sapphires. Thai sapphire refers to sapphires either mined and cut in Thailand, mined in different countries and cut in Thailand or imported and sold through Thailand based companies.

I would welcome proper nomenclature in the Canadian diamond trade. Terms such as 'Canadian diamond' could refer to the diamond being mined in Canada, 'Canadian polished diamond'

could refer to mined, cut and polished in Canada, and possibly 'Canadian made' could refer to diamonds from other sources that are cut and polished in Canada.

Have a wonderful day !

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