

A tentative classification of heat-treatable corundum (Geuda) stones

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Abstract

Heat-treatable low quality corundum (Geuda) exhibit a wide range of properties and the local gem-trade identifies these stones mainly on the basis of their appearance. This work attempts to classify geuda on the basis of colour, appearance and the nature of inclusions. Local names for the different varieties well known to the gem-trade are explained in this classification.