

COLUMBIA GEM HOUSE, INC.

FAIR TRADE GEMS

Gemstones are a gift from the earth. As a company, we show our appreciation for that gift by ensuring that both the environment and the people who mine, cut, and craft our gemstones and jewelry have been treated with the respect they deserve.

First Level – Mine Forward (Complete Fair Trade)

We can follow these stones all the way back to the mine, where we have a significant impact on the mining itself. The following is a list of gemstones that fit these criteria.

Nyala® Ruby and Sapphire (Malawi)	Purple Sage Chalcedony®
Royal Kings Plain Sapphire® (Australian)	Black Spinel
Oregon Opal	

Second Level – Rough Broker Forward (Procedures to the Protocols)

We can follow these stones back to the rough broker who has an agreement with us that he guarantees the material comes from the stated location. He understands and supports our Fair Trade principles.

Iris Amethyst®	Mesa Verde Peridot®
Fire Citrine®	Mexican Fire Opal
Madeira Citrine	Green Quartz
Standard Citrine	Smokey Quartz
Grape Garnet®	Oro Verde Quartz
Rhodolite Garnet	Spessartite
Raja Garnet®	

Third Level – Cutting Factory Forward

Since we do all our own cutting, we can track the gem production methods from the cutting workshop onward. All our Fair Trade cutting procedures are followed during gem cutting. We can tell you the origin of the rough, but cannot tell you how it was produced.

Apsara Zircon®	Tsavorite Garnet
Imperial Diopside®	Aquamarine
Nightsky Iolite®	Sphene
Tashmarine®	Tourmaline
White and Blue Topaz	

Fourth Level – Stones Not Cut By Us

Since we do not cut these gemstones, we cannot follow them in a manner consistent with our Fair Trade and Quality Assurance Protocols.

Ceylon Sapphire	Colombian Emerald*
Tanzanite	African Emerald**

* We get emeralds from the La Pita mining area of Colombia. The mines here are supporting worker and social development, but we cannot track or attest to exactly what is being done. Still, we support the Colombia Emerald industry in this endeavor.

** We hope to soon have availability of emeralds from southern Africa that meet our Fair Trade and Quality Assurance Protocols.