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CUTTING

SANJEEWA'S CUTTING FACILITY

We first met Sanjeewa, our stonecutter, in a friend's office in Bangkok in 2008. Sanjeewa was looking for investors for a new workshop and business venture.

We agreed to invest and today the workshop has 75 employees.

Sri Lanka has a long history of gemstone mining and trading, and Sri Lankan gemstone cutters are considered to be some of the best in the world. Many cutters use a mix of traditional methods, which have been passed down over the generations, and modern techniques.

Our stones are cut in Sanjeewa's workshop in Kuruwita, near Ratnapura in Sri Lanka. The men and women who work here come from the local area. Most are in their mid-twenties to late-forties, but the master cutters are more experienced.

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NATURAL SAPPHIRES

ALL THE COLOURS OF THE RAINBOW

Most people think that rubies are red and sapphires are blue. But sapphires come in all colours and hues. A ruby is just a red sapphire by another name.

Unlike treated gemstones, most natural untreated sapphires have two or more colours when viewed from different angles as the sapphire moves in the light. Some may even change colour completely when viewed under different lights or from different angles.

The rarest colours – shades like lime green, magenta, orange, brown, cognac, violet and maroon – cannot be recreated through treatment. They are natural, beautiful and impossible to replicate.

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