

Rio Tinto showcases its largest red diamond in Asia

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Rio Tinto's iconic Argyle Pink Diamonds Tender is being showcased to connoisseurs and collectors from across Asia in Hong Kong.

The Tender will be unveiled to the global diamond trade assembled for the Hong Kong Jewellery and Gem Fair from 13-17 September.

Headlining the collection of 58 pink, red and blue diamonds is The Argyle Everglow™, the largest Fancy Red diamond in the 33-year history of the Argyle Pink Diamonds Tender.

The Argyle Everglow™ is expected to command the attention of collectors from across Asia, including mainland China where red is an auspicious colour, analogous to fire and symbolising happiness, luck and good fortune.

Rio Tinto Diamonds director global marketing Josephine Johnson said "We are delighted to be back in Hong Kong, the cornerstone of our global showcase of one-of-a kind pink, red and blue diamonds. We have seen and continue to see, strong demand and an increasingly sophisticated collector market right across Asia."

Rio Tinto's Argyle diamond mine in the far north of Western Australia produces virtually the world's entire supply of pink, red and blue diamonds.

The 2017 Argyle Pink Diamonds Tender collection, themed "Custodians of Rare Beauty" weigh a total of 49.39 carats – including four Fancy Red diamonds, four Purplish Red diamonds, two Violet diamonds, and one Blue diamond.

The collection comprises five 'hero' diamonds, including The Argyle Everglow™, selected for their unique beauty and named to ensure there is a permanent record of their contribution to the history of the world's most important diamonds:

- Lot 1: Argyle Everglow™, 2.11 carat radiant shaped Fancy Red diamond
- Lot 2: Argyle Isla™, 1.14 carat radiant shaped Fancy Red diamond
- Lot 3: Argyle Avaline™, 2.42 carat cushion shaped Fancy Purple-Pink diamond
- Lot 4: Argyle Kalina™, 1.50 carat oval shaped Fancy Deep Pink diamond
- Lot 5: Argyle Liberté™, 0.91 carat radiant shaped Fancy Deep Gray-Violet diamond

The 2017 Argyle Pink Diamonds Tender will travel to New York after Hong Kong with bids closing on 11 October 2017.

High resolution images of the 2017 Argyle Pink Diamonds Tender hero diamonds are available on [Flickr](#).

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