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## Color Market Reports

### GILC outlines disclosure terms for newer opals

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Hong Kong--After forming an Opal Committee task force at last year's gem shows in Tucson, the Gemstone Industry & Laboratory Conference (GILC) has come up with recommended nomenclature for describing the newer hydrophane opals on the market.

According to a news release distributed via the International Colored Gemstone Association (ICA), the GILC recommends that disclosure on hydrophane opals from the Wollo district of Ethiopia be as follows:

Type 1 Precious Opal - Hydrophane

Special care required:

Hydrophane generally indicates a material that is absorbent when immersed in liquid.

Keep away from cleaning agents, perfumes, oils and any liquids as they can be absorbed and may alter color and/or appearance.

Avoid sudden and extreme temperature changes. Avoid steam and ultrasonic cleaners; clean with a soft cloth.

The GILC called its suggestion "concise and workable" for the industry. In addition, the GILC asks that the gemological raise awareness of and more clearly define the parameters of hydrophane tolerances, and suggests that laboratories give this consideration for research.

In existence for more than 20 years, the GILC is an invitation-only event that serves as a platform for industry stakeholders to address and discuss issues related to nomenclature, consumer confidence and terminology.

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