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## Zultanite Gets Guarantee

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## ARGENTINE FOSSILS SEIZED Tucson Under ICE Watch

**U**ndercover U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents seized approximately 4 tons of rare fossils, including dinosaur eggs and prehistoric pinecones, from Rhodo Co., a popular Argentinean rhodochrosite dealer, on Feb. 10 during the Tucson, Ariz., gem and mineral shows. The agents seized the items from Rhodo Co. gem dealer José López.

The fossils—which were wrapped in Argentine newspapers—were stored in a warehouse in Nogales, Ariz., and on April 4, ICE agents and a group of paleontologists from Arizona State University examined them and determined that they had come from Argentina. Fossils are protected under Argentine law, and removing them without government permission is illegal.

At press time, there was no agreement with Lopez to return the fossils to Argentina. The United States has filed a complaint with the U.S. District Court in Tucson to force Lopez to forfeit the fossils.

ICE agents said their investigation is ongoing and that no arrests have been made. ■



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## Man Sang Releases Quarterly Earnings Report

**T**he Man Sang Group, one of the world's largest manufacturers of saltwater and freshwater cultured pearls, announced that earnings in the quarter ending June 30 were down 6 percent compared with the same quarter last year. The company cited the tightening economy, high oil prices, and fluctuating gold prices as contributing factors. Gross profit margin increased to 30.7 percent, up 1.1 percent over last year's figures. Man Sang posted \$12.6 million in gross profits.

The price of Man Sang stock has fallen slightly over the past year and a half, after posting record highs in December 2004 and January 2005. ■