

Natural Sapphire

1,321 Carats

No Heat Treatment · Round Cabochon · Natural Corundum

ESTIMATED VALUE

\$ 104,500,000

USD 104.5 Million

ASKING PRICE

\$ 41,800,000 (USD 41.8M)

1321ct

Natural Sapphire · 1,321 CT · No Heat

Discovery History & Master Park Ji-gon

The origin story of the world's only natural sapphire of its kind

1988

Discovery in Africa

While operating a gold mine in Africa, Master Park Ji-gon personally discovered this one-of-a-kind natural sapphire gemstone.

2020

Donated to Hyundai Glover Co., Ltd.

Wishing for it to be used for Korea's economic benefit, Master Park donated this gemstone to Mr. Kim Jun-seok, CEO of Hyundai Glover Co., Ltd.

Master Park Ji-gon — World Gem Design Master (WM-20378)

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|  Korea Grand Prize – World Master in Gem Design |  Innovation Enterprise Quality Satisfaction No.1 Brand Award |
|  Korea New Knowledge Award Grand Prize |  Innovative Korean DF Power Korea Award |
|  Global Power Brand Award |  World Master Committee – World Master Certification |
|  Global Leader Award |  Official Gem Appraiser for the British & Japanese Royal Courts |

Certified Court Gem Appraiser · Jongno Joongang-sa Additional Appraisal Complete (1,321 CT Natural Sapphire – Authentic)

Gemstone Specifications

GIG Report No.: SP-18031912 · Date: 19 March 2018 · Appraiser: Ph.D. Kim, Young-chool FGA, GG-GIA

Gemstone Type	Natural Sapphire
Classification	Natural Corundum
Weight / Carats	1,321 CT
Shape / Cut	Round Cabochon
Dimensions	54.4 – 55.0 × 40.0 mm
Color	Blue to Deep Blue / Gray / Brown
Transparency	Semi-translucent
Treatment	No Heat Treatment – No evidence of heating (NTE)
Analysis Method	Standard Assessment + ED-XRF, FT-IR
Note: Minor inclusions (additional minerals) detected in certain areas — a natural characteristic of the rough stone with no impact on authenticity or value.	

Valuation Basis & Rarity

Appraised by Master Park Ji-gon · Based on GIG Gemological Report · Confirmed by Jongno Joongang-sa

ESTIMATED VALUE

\$ 104,500,000

USD Approx. 104.5 Million

Auction Starting Price: ₩ 150,000,000,000+

(Exchange rate: Dec 27, 2022 / USD 116.06 million)

Based on GIG Gemological Report

ASKING PRICE

\$ 41,800,000

USD Approx. 41.8 Million

~60% Discount from Estimated Value

Private negotiated sale · Immediate transfer available

KRW equivalent approx. ₩ 58 Billion

01

One-of-a-Kind Stone

The only natural sapphire of its kind in the entire world, personally excavated by Master Park Ji-gon from an African gold mine in 1988.

02

No Heat Treatment

Certified with absolutely no evidence of heat treatment (NTE), representing the highest grade in sapphire valuation standards.

03

Multi-Institution Certification

Authenticity and 1,321 CT confirmed by three independent bodies: GIG (Hanmi), Court Gem Appraisal, and Jongno Joongang-sa.

Custody Status & Certification

Secured in Hana Bank Precious Metals Vault · Official GIG Gemstone Identification Report Issued

CUSTODY STATUS

Institution:	Hana Bank, Gyodae Branch (Seoul)
Security Level:	Bank Precious Metals Vault / Insured
Condition:	Original state preserved · Case included
Viewing:	Available upon prior arrangement

GIG Identification Report

Certifying Body:	Global Institute of Gemology (GIG)
Report No.:	SP-18031912
Date Issued:	19 March 2018
Result:	Natural Sapphire 1,321CT No Heat (NTE)
Standard:	ISO 9001

Official Appraisal Status (Multi-Institution Verification Complete)

01	GIG (Hanmi Gemological Institute)	02	Court Gem Appraisal	03	Jongno Joongang-sa
Primary certifier · Standard + ED-XRF + FT-IR analysis · ISO 9001 certified		Appraised directly by Master Park Ji-gon · Certified court gem appraiser qualification held		Additional appraisal complete · 1,321 CT Natural Sapphire confirmed authentic	

Donation Background & Ownership Transfer

Master Park Ji-gon's noble wish — dedicated to the economic prosperity of Korea

1988

Discovery

Master Park Ji-gon personally excavates the world's only sapphire from an African gold mine

~2018

Processing

Master personally cuts and shapes the stone using no-heat method (Round Cabochon)

2018

Certification

Official GIG appraisal complete: 1,321 CT
No heat — Authentic

2020

Donation & Transfer

Donated to CEO Kim Jun-seok of Hyundai Glover Co., Ltd. for Korea's economic benefit

Ownership & Significance

- This sapphire was personally excavated in Africa in 1988 and cut directly by Master Park Ji-gon using no-heat methods, making it a historically significant and one-of-a-kind gemstone.
- In 2020, Master Park donated this stone to Mr. Kim Jun-seok, CEO of Hyundai Glover Co., Ltd., expressing his wish for it to be used for Korea's economic development. Legal ownership now resides with Hyundai Glover Co., Ltd.
- The gemstone is currently secured with full insurance in the precious metals vault of Hana Bank, Gyodae Branch (Seoul). Physical viewing is available upon prior arrangement.