

The spirit of Rose

The spirit of the Rose is very rare purple-pink diamond. It is classified as Type - Ila diamond. It has a Purple-Pink secondary hue and is Internally Flawless.



It was recently sold for a record price of USD 26.6 million by Sotheby's at their auction held in Geneva. This attractive diamond is named after Vaslav Nijinsky's famous ballet – "Le Spectre de la rose". It was mined by Alrosa - one of the world's leading diamond producer from Ebelyakh deposit in Republic of Sakha (Yakutia) in the northeast of Russia in July 2017. Originally, a 27.84 ct rough diamond (Fig.1) was cut and polished into oval modified brilliant cut diamond weighing 14.83 ct (Fig. 2).

Fig. 1. Rough – 27.84 ct



Fig. 2. Polished and faceted – 14.83 ct

The purchase is in the news not only because of the record price but also as it comes on the heels of the recent closure of the 'Argyle mine' in Australia which produced more than 90% of the worlds pink diamonds. Experts feel that prices for stones of that colour are likely to soar in the coming years as a result of the closure of the mine.

References : <https://www.sothebys.com/en/digital-catalogues/the-spirit-of-the-rose>