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Friedrich August Breithaupt's Beryl Seal

Mineralogist Friedrich August Breithaupt had his seal carved into a beryl crystal. Breithaupt began his studies in 1811, during A.G. Werner's time at the Mining Academy in Freiberg, Saxony (Germany). From 1826 to 1866, he was responsible for the mineralogical education of Freiberg's miners. He was also the gemstone inspector for the mining authority.

Breithaupt's legacy is 500 publications, including 46 first descriptions.

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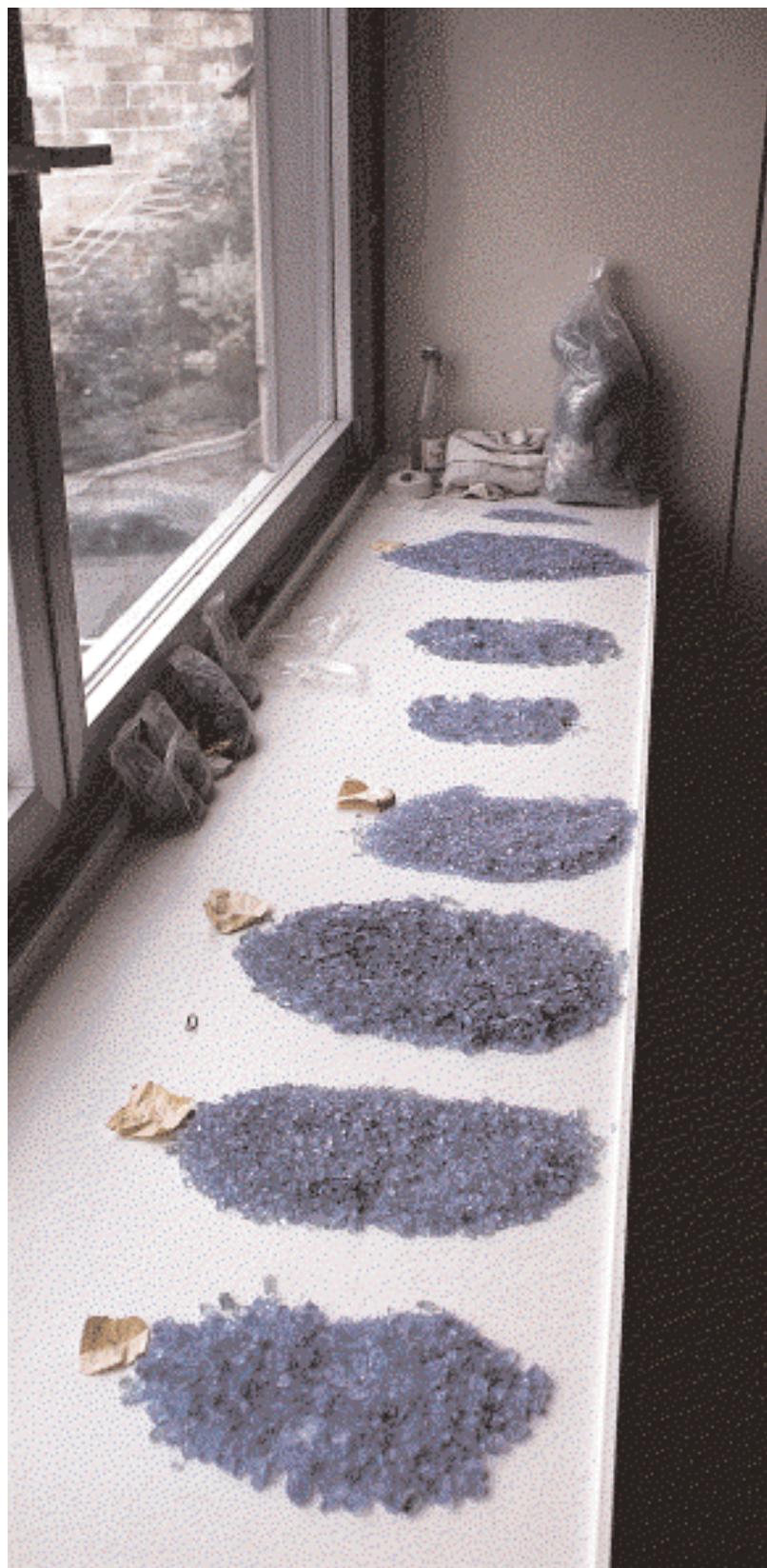
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*Right: Aquamarine Rough from Marijao, Madagascar is sorted in a workshop in Idar-Oberstein, Germany.
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