More than just garnet
GMA Garnet Group (GMA) is the trusted global leader in industrial garnet and has been providing the highest quality garnet abrasive to the waterjet cutting and protective coating industries for over 35 years.

GMA is the only global garnet supplier to own the complete supply chain from source and processing to international distribution. We own our mines and processing plants in Australia, USA and the Middle East and have invested significantly to expand our sources of supply and production capacity to incorporate alluvial, crushed and recycled garnet.

More than 450 GMA employees manage our operations encompassing 13 offices, two garnet mines and eight processing plants, including five large scale recycling facilities, located across Asia Pacific, Europe, the Middle East and the Americas.

Our team of dedicated sales and technical experts work with our customers to understand their priorities and challenges. We deliver specialist advice and distribute a complete range of premium abrasive products to more than 80 countries from our own warehouses and a network of more than 100 distributor outlets.

GMA has led the innovation and development of new technologies for the global abrasive blasting and waterjet cutting industries including the development of recycling technologies that offer our customers an eco-friendly solution for the disposal of used garnet.

GMA originated in Western Australia where our primary source of garnet was discovered near the coastal town of Port Gregory in 1973.

At the time of discovery, garnet was dismissed as a worthless mineral with no known uses or applications.

GMA experimented with possible uses and received a positive response from the local abrasive blasting industry.

During the following ten years, GMA identified high grade garnet deposits, drilled new tenements and developed additional processing plants.

In February 1983, GMA secured its first major contract to supply over 2,000 metric tonnes of garnet for use on the construction of the 1,600 km Dampier to Burbury natural gas pipeline in Australia.

The project was a turning point for GMA as the use of garnet as an effective abrasive was quickly recognised globally and allowed GMA to establish new markets in Asia, the Middle East, Europe and USA.
At GMA, we focus on developing a sustainable future for our business, customers, employees, and communities. We continue our ongoing focus on service, innovation, and productivity to ensure the longevity of safe, profitable, and valuable business operations. We are committed to protecting the environment and have a proud history of sustainable mining practices. We take active steps to limit our impact on the environment and demonstrate responsible management of our natural resources. Initiatives include the rehabilitation of mined areas to an original or better state than the pre-mining condition, and the use of clean and renewable energy sources.

GMA has committed to supplying 70% of the energy required for our West Australian mine and processing plant from a three megawatt wind and solar farm; an initiative that will reduce our carbon footprint by around 5,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide per annum. Further protecting our natural resources, GMA is leading the innovation of garnet recycling technology. Through recovery and reprocessing of used garnet, we provide our customers with a cost-effective and responsible option for managing used garnet that would otherwise be considered industrial waste.

Our values

At GMA, we are about more than just garnet. Our core purpose is to make a difference for our customers, our people, our communities, and the environment. We are committed to fulfilling our purpose by always adhering to our values of care, trust, excellence, and teamwork in everything we do. These values are more than mere words at GMA; they are fundamental to how we do things and how we engage with our stakeholders. We are also committed to building long-term partnerships with our customers, suppliers, and distributors based on a spirit of collaboration and mutual trust.

Sustainability

At GMA, we believe our people are the key to our success. The safety of our people is therefore at the core of how we do things. We want to ensure our people work in a positive and engaging environment and are focussed on maintaining a culture across our global operations where our values are lived and our people feel supported and respected. We are especially proud of our history and we are excited by the challenge and opportunities ahead. We believe our commitment to ethical and sustainable business practice provides the foundations for GMA to continue to deliver value for our customers and sustainable growth for GMA.

GMA’s commitment to sustainability is reflected in the way we manage our natural resources.

At GMA we live and operate by our values – care, trust, teamwork and excellence.
Headquartered in Perth, Western Australia, GMA has well established operations around the globe. Since the early 1980s, we have exported over five million metric tonnes of GMA Garnet™ from Western Australia to Asia Pacific, Europe, the Middle East and the Americas through GMA’s extensive network.

We support our customers throughout these regions with our own sales and technical teams, and in partnership with leading regional distributors, to provide a network of more than 100 distribution outlets worldwide.
GMA is the only company to own the supply chain from the mine to our customers’ door. This control ensures that we can maintain an uninterrupted supply of high quality garnet to our customers. We own and operate mines in Australia and the USA, and own a significant supply source in South Africa. These operations provide us with multiple secure sources of garnet and safeguard our supply.

GMA’s mining and processing plants are at the heart of our global operations. Two major mines, five recycling plants and eight processing plants maintaining an uninterrupted supply of garnet to our customers. Our reliable and advanced operations ensure efficient delivery of consistent, high quality products.

Maximising productivity and performance is one of GMA’s primary goals. Our dedicated sales, technical and application specialists stand ready to assist in selecting the best products to meet our customers project specifications. Our teams are drawn from blasting and waterjet industries, and have the expertise and resources to help solve problems and provide expert advice.

Since our inception, GMA has produced the highest quality premium garnet from our own source of Almandine garnet, known for its natural hardness, durability and abrasive characteristics. Our products are developed from alluvial and crushed sources and are engineered to achieve the highest possible performance outcomes.

Throughout the decades, GMA has led the advancement of garnet abrasives for blasting and waterjet cutting applications. Our expertise in product application and development has enabled GMA Garnet™ to become the preferred choice for major oil & gas companies, shipyards, international fabricators, manufacturing and metal working operations on a truly global scale. GMA partners with customers, industry, universities and government to research and develop products that deliver for our customers’ specific performance requirements.

Ultimately, GMA’s product development aims are about reducing customers’ costs, safeguarding people and equipment and extending industrial asset life.

GMA’s consistent sizing and high purity enable high productivity and promote seamless operations for our customers. Our in-house processing technologies has been developed over many decades and ensures the highest product standards in the world. The entire process from mining to production processing and administration is certified under various international quality standards.

We systematically test and analyse our garnet across nine key areas, including; particle size, mineral composition, turbidity, conductivity and chloride content to name a few. As all abrasives are not made equal, these tests ensure that GMA Garnet™ meet the highest industry and quality standards.
GMA Europe

GMA Europe has been distributing garnet abrasives for the waterjet cutting and protective coating industries in Europe for over 25 years.

As the leading provider of industrial garnet in the continent, we deliver GMA Garnet™ to the European, Caspian, and North African regions.

Since 1991, GMA has operated from Hamburg with branch offices in the UK, Germany and Denmark, and supported by a trusted network of distribution partners in most European countries.

We offer our customers a range of high performance products for waterjet cutting applications, coating removal and surface preparation. Through partnerships with global waterjet equipment manufacturers, we distribute high quality machine replacement parts.

Our team of dedicated sales and technical experts work with our customers to improve the performance, safety and the environmental impact of abrasive blasting. We help our waterjet customers optimise the productivity and performance of their waterjet cutting equipment and deliver the perfect cutting edge.

The consistent supply of our products is supported by bulk handling facilities in the Netherlands, Antwerp, Belgium and Aulla, Italy.

With the capacity to handle up to 120,000 metric tonnes of loose bulk garnet abrasive per year, these facilities are equipped to package GMA products according to our customer requirements.

Wherever we operate, our focus is on delivering operational efficiencies, safe and productive working environments for our customers.
GMA’s range of high performance abrasives helps customers maximise productivity and reduce costs.

**Abrasive blasting**

Our industry-leading GMA Garnet™ range is extensive and provides a competitive edge in productivity and surface preparation cleanliness. GMA Garnet™ is used as a blast cleaning abrasive across a wide range of industries and is approved for use by major oil and gas companies, shipyards and paint manufacturers.

We offer a complete range of garnet abrasives for any surface preparation requirement, from removing resistant coatings and heavy rust to delicate restoration work.

Utilising GMA Garnet™ abrasive blasting product provides a wide range of competitive advantages:

- **Higher productivity**: superior cleaning rates compared to other abrasives
- **Cost-effective**: lower garnet consumption, labour, clean up & disposal cost
- **Superior surface finish**: exceptionally clean surface & uniform profile
- **Recyclability**: can be recycled up to five times
- **Safe**: complies with work, health and safety regulations.

**Major industries**

- Oil & Gas
- Pipelines
- Construction & Infrastructure
- Ship Newbuilding & Maintenance
- Steel Fabrication
- Transportation
- Defence
GMA Garnet™ maximises cutting performance - producing the perfect edge while safeguarding equipment.

Waterjet cutting

GMA Garnet™ is the first choice among craftsmen who demand efficient and precise waterjet cutting for steel, stone, marble, composites, plastics and glass. Recognised as the industry standard among manufacturers of waterjet cutting machinery, GMA Garnet™ is perfectly engineered to deliver peak performance and longer lasting operating life for today’s highly sensitive waterjet equipment.

We offer the widest variety of job-specific waterjet abrasives that allow customers to more precisely deliver the results they require including:

- Peak performance
- High production rates & superior edge quality
- Minimising downtime & maximising production.

These outcomes make GMA Garnet™ the world’s most popular waterjet abrasive range.

Major industries

- Aerospace
- Automotive
- Manufacturing
- Metalworking
- Stone & Glass Cutting
- Defence
- Transportation
GMA is leading the way in garnet recovery through:

- Working with specialist waste management operators for cost-efficient recovery
- Monitoring & testing of inputs and outputs
- Safe disposal of waste
- Maximising garnet recovery & minimising landfill waste.

GMA has been simplifying used garnet disposal for our customers with complete lifecycle solutions.

Garnet recovery & recycling

We believe in a sustainable approach to business and demonstrate this in the way we manage our natural resources.

Over the past 15 years GMA has pioneered the research and development of garnet waste management and recycling including significant investments in the building of advanced reprocessing facilities.

Our garnet recovery programmes provide customers with a cost-effective and environmentally responsible option for disposing of used garnet.

Due to Almandine garnet’s toughness and low friability, GMA Garnet™ abrasive can be recycled up to five times without compromising its reliable, high quality performance.

As our customers become increasingly focused on economic and environmentally responsible disposal solutions, GMA stands ready to support their businesses with complete life cycle solutions.

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Delivering beyond abrasives

GMA draws from our heritage, our innovative spirit, and our commitment to our people. Our customers trust us for our consistent quality and secure supply and we strive to provide deep expert advice that solves customer problems and enables them to do their jobs well. We understand our customers and develop our products to best meet their needs. At GMA we are about more than just garnet.

Secure supply
GMA is the only global garnet company that controls the supply chain from mine to customer. Our reliable and advanced operations ensure efficient delivery of consistent, high quality products.

Technical expertise
Our dedicated sales and experienced technical teams stand ready to assist in selecting the best products to meet your project specifications.

Abrasive blasting
Our leading and extensive GMA Garnet™ range provides that competitive edge in productivity and quality of surface preparation.

Consistent quality
GMA Garnet’s consistent sizing and high purity enables high productivity and promotes seamless operations for our customers. Garnet from our own mines, and in-house processing developed over many decades, ensures the highest product standards in the world.

Customer focus
GMA values working with customers to understand their priorities and challenges so that we can deliver to their specific performance requirements.

Waterjet cutting
World class GMA Garnet™ maximises performance, produces the perfect cutting edge and safeguards your equipment.

Recycling
GMA provides sustainable, economical and environmentally responsible solutions for our customers to dispose of their used garnet.