

“A diamond is a chunk of coal that did well under pressure.”

Henry Kissinger

The diamond mining industry has played, and continues to play, a significant role in South Africa on macro-economic, local and community levels.

SOUTH AFRICAN DIAMOND MINING



paid ~R5.2bn
in salaries and wages in 2017



attracts **foreign capital**
into the country



currently employs **18,227 people**



increases
economic activity

USES OF DIAMONDS

JEWELLERY



Symbolises affluence and affection

INDUSTRIAL DIAMONDS



For cutting, drilling, fine grinding, polishing and engraving – 80% of all rough diamonds go towards industrial uses

BEAUTY PRODUCTS



Diamond-flecked spray, exfoliators and blurring agents which, allegedly, reduce appearance of wrinkles

WHERE DIAMONDS ARE FOUND AND MINED IN SOUTH AFRICA

LEGEND

- ◆ De Beers
- ◆ Petra Diamonds
- ◆ Trans Hex
- ◆ Lower Orange River Diamonds
- ◆ Petra Diamonds and Ekapa Mining



Our diamond industry exports

55% of diamonds produced

and earnings have a positive impact on GDP



DID YOU KNOW?

The earliest record of a diamond engagement ring was in 1477 when Archduke Maximillian of Austria proposed to Mary of Burgundy with a diamond ring.