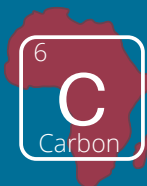


WHAT MAKES DIAMONDS...

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DIAMONDS



Not only is Southern Africa a leading diamond producer, it has also delivered some of the largest and rarest in the world



What makes diamonds special?

There are various factors involved in determining the price of a diamond:

- Cut
- Clarity
- Carat weight
- Colour
- Shape
- Fluorescence
- Table width
- Total depth
- Culet
- Polish
- Symmetry



Why "Carat"?

A carat is a unit for measuring the weight of all gemstone types, including diamonds.

Early gem traders used the seeds of a Carob tree as counterweights in balancing scales to measure the weight of a gem. These seeds had a uniform weight of 0.200 grams.

In 1907 the carat measurement was proposed in Paris before being adopted worldwide.



How are Diamonds mined in Southern Africa?

- Kimberlite Pipes
 - Open-pit mining
 - Underground mining
- Alluvial Deposits
 - Open-pit mining
 - Strip mining
 - Dredging
 - Artisanal mining
- Marine Mining
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What makes Southern Africa a leading diamond producer?



3 of the world's largest diamond mines are in Southern Africa:

- Jwaneng, Botswana
- Orapa, Botswana
- Venetia, South Africa



The largest diamond ever found is the "Cullinan Diamond" weighing in at an astounding 3,106.75 Carats uncut. South Africa, 1905

There is always potential within a rough diamond. The size is simply a promise of what a diamond can be.
Unearth the opportunities by partnering with VBKOM.

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