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The State Diamond Trader

The Diamond Market continues experiencing trading difficulties as a result of inverse trends between prices of rough and polished diamonds. For some time now selling prices of rough have been higher than prices of polished, *whereas* the ideal scenario was to be the other way round.

However there has been stability in the market due to the system constantly working towards correct itself. In the second half of 2015, manufacturing levels reduced drastically subsequent to tighten profit margins and thus resulted in the shortage of polished inventory that edified the market in the first half of 2016. The global industry is recording a huge exit of financial institutions as well as narrowed credit facility. This in the long run is expected to correct price of rough mostly in the secondary market.

Diamond Beneficiation Industry Transformation Projects (DBITP)

Over years, the State Diamond Trader is facilitating DBITPs, with the intention of ensuring a *Promotion, Defence and Execution* of the Diamond Beneficiation Mandate. State Diamond Trader “the heartbeat of diamond beneficiation”. Below is snippets of the projects that the State Diamond Trader continued facilitating during the quarter.

South African Diamond Indaba 2016

In further perusal of ensuring the Diamond Industry Transformation in South Africa, the State Diamond Trader established a Diamond Indaba Conference, aiming at gathering relevant stakeholders together annually in one room. The gathering purpose is to facilitate a platform where industry stakeholders can collectively diagnose the challenges facing the industry and to possibly recommend solutions to such. As a result, the Diamond Indaba Steering Committee continues meeting every two weeks in order to ensure adequately preparation for the upcoming Diamond Indaba scheduled for 26th September 2016 Gallagher Estate Midrand.

Jewellex Africa 2016 – Diamond and Jewellery Pavilion

The State Diamond Trader further serves as a member of the Expanded Jewellex Africa Committee which seeks to sustain Jewellex Africa as a leading Gem and Jewellery Show in Africa. The Jewellex Africa is scheduled to take place at Gallagher Estate in Midrand, from the 25th to 27th September

2016. Thus far preparations are ongoing quite well and the committee promises a better and bigger Jewellex Africa 2016.

September Hong Kong Gem and Jewellery Show 2016

Since March 2014, the State Diamond Trader through partnership with the Department of Trade and Industry has been facilitating participation of South African Diamond and Jewellery Manufacturing Companies at the Hong Kong Gem and Jewellery shows either in March or September every year. As a result South Africa will be having its 4th successful National Pavilion at the September Hong Kong Gem and Jewellery Show 2016 scheduled to take place at Asia World Expo and Hong Kong Convention Center from 13th to 19th September 2016. During this show 11 State Diamond Trader will be participating, 10 at the diamond side and 1 at the jewellery side.

Transformation through Knowledge Sharing

Provincial Promotional Visits (PPV)

The State Diamond Trader ensured its presence at the following Youth intended events:

- Imbizo on Mining Development
- Cullinan Diamond Mine Career Day
- Youth in Mining Procurement Transformation Summit
- Youth Information Dissemination Session

The intentions of the State Diamond Trader's participation at this events, is to inform South Africans particularly youth of the existence of the diamond industry and raise awareness of career opportunities that exist within the industry. To this point this exercise has been extremely meaningful and valuable to the people where the PPVs are executed. Such follows the highlight by attendees indicating that indeed they never knew of the existence of the industry together with the economic developmental opportunities that exists thereof.

Enterprise Development Project

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