

# \_KIMBERLEY PROCESS CERTIFICATION SCHEME ANNUAL REPORT 2011 <u>GUYANA</u>

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#### **ANNUAL REPORT - 2011**

#### KIMBERLEY PROCESS CERTIFICATION SCHEME

#### **GUYANA**

#### INTRODUCTION

The Kimberley Process Certification Scheme in Guyana, South America, continues to be administered by the Guyana Geology and Mines Commission (GGMC) with co-operation on some aspects of the process by Customs and Trade Administration (CTA) of the Guyana Revenue Authority (GRA). Information on exports of diamonds is also shared with the Bank of Guyana and the Ministry of Tourism, Industry and Commerce.

#### THE LEGAL FRAMEWORK

The export of rough diamonds is contingent on adherence to the Mining Regulations made under the Mining Act, 1989, of Guyana and the steps put in place since 2003, remain.

All rough diamonds for export must be lodged with the GGMC upon commencement of the application process to export such diamonds.

- The GGMC through its Mines Division is responsible by law for the monitoring and regulation of activities engaged in by miners of diamonds (and other minerals), traders in valuable minerals and precious stones, and exporters.
- All documentation with respect to the activities of these persons must be submitted to the GGMC to be made part of the GGMC's records.
- The law is designed to create a nexus between the operations of the producers and buyers/exporters as evidenced by the mandatory reporting requirements. Diamonds, including rough diamonds, are required to be sealed, as stipulated by the Mining Regulations made under the Mining Act, 1989, of Guyana with the Kimberley Process certificate of Guyana accompanying the sealed package.
- The Guyana Mining Regulations also satisfy KPCS requirements with provision for the keeping of records of export; provision of a statutory declaration as to the diamonds' source; and establishment of a secure database.

Mrs Karen Livan, Commissioner, of the Guyana Geology and Mines Commission, is the Coordinator of KPCS in Guyana. Mrs Rosemary Benjamin-Noble, Legal Adviser/Secretary, Guyana Geology and Mines Commission, provides direct support.

[A copy of the relevant regulations is attached hereto as Annex 1, for ease of reference.]



#### WORKINGS OF EXPORT REGIME

The procedure employed in processing of exports of rough diamonds from Guyana remained the same. It is as follows:

- 1. Submission of export documents to Mines Division, GGMC. These documents would have already been processed by the Ministry of Tourism, Industry and Commerce.
- 2. Checks are made of documentation submitted in support of source of diamonds, i.e., production records of miners; proof of source of funds; transaction records of licensed traders and evidence that exporter is licenced to trade in valuable minerals and precious stones. The checks may include field checks should it be determined by the GGMC that further verification was necessary.
- On satisfactory checks, KP certificate is prepared, parcel sealed as set out in the law, and certificate is signed by Exporter, duly authorised signatory of CTA and of GGMC.
- 4. In sealing, a tamper proof transparent plastic bag is used.
- 5. Fees are payable for the KPCS processing.
- 6. The exporter is given the parcel and accompanying KP certificate.

The certificate's characteristics remain unaltered and only have validity for one (1) month from date of issue.

Note: As an administrative requirement (and as recommended by the peer review team in 2006) the rough diamonds are photographed and those photographs are filed.

#### REVIEW VISIT IMPLEMENTATION

Recommendations of the peer review team of 2006 have been implemented:

- Strengthening database of development work. This is an on-going exercise.
- 2. Strengthening internal controls with respect to valuation of diamonds. Guyana's application for assistance from KPCS was regrettably, not realised. GGMC has not been able in 2011 to sponsor or benefit from training further to that undertaken in 2009. GGMC is in the process of liaising with India to source a suitable expert to conduct training.
- 3. Amendment and implementation of laws for import of rough diamonds. GGMC and CTA are still liaising on this. New provisions remain in draft.



Guyana remains committed to considering advice proffered and acting on it, as best as practicable possible, to ensure improved transparency and traceability.

#### **MONITORING**

Sealing is done only on premises of GGMC.

Emphasis remains on strict compliance by exporters and traders with the law. Failure to tender adequate and acceptable documentation as required would result in the process not being completed and the export of rough diamonds not being allowed.

The database that was established to record statistical information for KPCS and to also record and track rough diamond production in Guyana was for the most part trouble-free. A system of cross-checking is continually reviewed so that the integrity of the information is maintained.

#### STATISTICAL INFORMATION FOR 2011

Forty - one (41) KPCS certificates were issued by Guyana for exports in 2011. Certificate numbers 081695-081735 were the recorded certificates that made up this number. Annex I which provides statistical information for export of rough diamonds for Guyana for this period.

There continued to be some depression in diamond production in Guyana for 2011, although there was improvement on 2010. Exporters and the GGMC mines officers' reports confirm that this was due for the most part to miners reverting their operations to capitalize on the very lucrative and high price of gold, and the reduced interest in purchase of diamonds occasioned by the global financial crisis.

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#### OTHER ISSUES

Guyana was represented by Mrs. Rosemary Benjamin – Noble, Legal Adviser, GGMC, at the Plenary meeting of KPCS of 2011 in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo. Mr. Dharampaul Chandan Senior Mining Engineer had also been registered to attend, but unfortunately due to circumstances beyond his control did not arrive on time. Guyana endeavoured to be compliant throughout the year in all reporting obligations.

#### CONCLUSION

In 2011, Guyana has endeavoured to scrupulously administer the KPCS with processing of applications for export of rough diamonds being completed within an average of seven (7) to ten (10) working days (subject to the amount and type of checks required).

The recommendations of the peer review visit were continually considered, and as previously indicated, there has been some implementation of these. Other aspects, in particular, diamond valuation can only be adequately addressed with comprehensive technical training. It is hoped that Guyana can avail itself to such training in the near future.



## KIMBERLEY PROCESS CERTIFICATION SCHEME ROUGH DIAMOND STATISTICS – TRADE, PRODUCTION AND CERTIFICATION DATA

#### PARTICIPANT (COUNTRY) - GUYANA

DATA FOR: FIRST QUARTER (JANUARY, 2011 TO MARCH, 2011)

#### Rough diamonds - Domestic Exports

7102.10		7102.21		7102.31		
County of Origin	Total Carats (ct)	U.S.\$ Value	Total Carats (ct)	U.S.\$ Value	Total Carats (ct)	U.S.\$ Value
GUYANA	9053.50	1,524,896.11			2594.07	408,488.
GUYANA	499.45	102,387.				
GUYANA	2640.89	621,648.59				
GUYANA					14.62	12,500.
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DATA FOR: FIRST QUARTER (JANUARY, 2011 TO MARCH, 2011)

#### Rough diamonds - KP Certificate Count

Country	Imports	Exports
BELGIUM(EC)		8
INDIA		1
UAE		1
USA		1

**Total Number of Certificates Issued: 11** 

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#### PARTICIPANT (COUNTRY) - GUYANA

DATA FOR: FIRST QUARTER (JANUARY, 2011, TO MARCH, 2011)

#### Rough diamonds - KP Certificate Count

Country	Imports	Exports
GUYANA		11

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#### PARTICIPANT (COUNTRY) - GUYANA

DATA FOR: SECOND QUARTER (APRIL, 2011 TO JUNE, 2011)

#### Rough diamonds - Domestic Exports

	71		7102.10 71		102.21	7102.31	
Country of Destination	County of Origin	Total Carats (ct)	U.S.\$ Value	Total Carats (ct)	U.S.\$ Value	Total Carats (ct)	U.S.\$ Value
BELGIUM (EC)	GUYANA	9581.82	1,765,740.61				
INDIA	GUYANA	555.20	166,560.				
ISRAEL	GUYANA	953.38	163,074.60				
UAE	GUYANA					3327.33	530,908.77
USA	GUYANA	99.06	52,501.80				

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#### PARTICIPANT (COUNTRY) - GUYANA

DATA FOR: SECOND QUARTER (APRIL, 2011 TO JUNE, 2011)

#### Rough diamonds - KP Certificate Count

Country	Imports	Exports
BELGIUM(EC)		7
INDIA		1
ISRAEL		1
UAE		1
USA		1

**Total Number of Certificates Issued: 11** 

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#### PARTICIPANT (COUNTRY) - GUYANA

DATA FOR: SECOND QUARTER (APRIL, 2011, TO JUNE, 2011)

#### Rough diamonds - KP Certificate Count

Country	Imports	Exports
GUYANA	NA	11

KIMBERLEY PROCESS CERTIFICATION SCHEME ROUGH DIAMOND STATISTICS – TRADE, PRODUCTION AND CERTIFICATION DATA



#### PARTICIPANT (COUNTRY) - GUYANA

DATA FOR: THIRD QUARTER (JULY, 2011 TO SEPTEMBER, 2011)

#### Rough diamonds - Domestic Exports

	71		7102.10 7102		02.21	7	102.31
Country of Destination	County of Origin	Total Carats (ct)	U.S.\$ Value	Total Carats (ct)	U.S.\$ Value	Total Carats (ct)	U.S.\$ Value
BELGIUM (EC)	GUYANA	9,368.07	1,756,111.71			4,633.67	1,185,195.5
ISRAEL	GUYANA	2,267.74	657,022.23				
USA	GUYANA	12.00	1,182.00			268.18	84,476.70

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DATA FOR: THIRD QUARTER (JULY, 2011 TO SEPTEMBER, 2011)

#### Rough diamonds – KP Certificate Count

Country	Imports	Exports
BELGIUM (EC)		7
ISRAEL		3
USA		2

**Total Number of Certificates Issued: 12** 

KIMBERLEY PROCESS CERTIFICATION SCHEME ROUGH DIAMOND STATISTICS – TRADE, PRODUCTION AND CERTIFICATION DATA

#### PARTICIPANT (COUNTRY) - GUYANA

DATA FOR: THIRD QUARTER (JULY 2011, TO SEPTEMBER, 2011)

#### Rough diamonds - KP Certificate Count

Country	Imports	Exports
GUYANA	NA	12

KIMBERLEY PROCESS CERTIFICATION SCHEME ROUGH DIAMOND STATISTICS – TRADE, PRODUCTION AND CERTIFICATION DATA



#### PARTICIPANT (COUNTRY) - GUYANA

DATA FOR: FOURTH QUARTER (OCTOBER, 2011 TO DECEMBER, 2011)

#### Rough diamonds – Domestic Exports

		7102.10		7102.21		7102.31	
Country of Destination	County of Origin	Total Carats (ct)	U.S.\$ Value	Total Carats (ct)	U.S.\$ Value	Total Carats (ct)	U.S.\$ Value
BELGIUM	GUYANA						
ISRAEL	GUYANA	251.78	42,190				
SPAIN	GUYANA	17.10	6,498.00				

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DATA FOR: FOURTH QUARTER (OCTOBER, 2011 TO DECEMBER, 2011)

#### Rough diamonds - KP Certificate Count

Country	Imports	Exports
BELGIUM (EC)		5
ISRAEL		1
SPAIN		1

**Total Number of Certificates Issued: 7** 

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#### PARTICIPANT (COUNTRY) - GUYANA

DATA FOR: FOURTH QUARTER (OCTOBER, 2011, TO DECEMBER, 2011)

#### Rough diamonds – KP Certificate Count

Country	Imports	Exports
GUYANA	NA	7

#### **GUYANA**



# Rough Diamonds – Semi-annual Production January to June, 2011

Total Carats (ct)	US\$ Value
29,231.32	5,382,405.68

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### Rough Diamonds – Semi-annual Production

July to December, 2011

Total Carats (ct)	US\$ Value
24,966.63	5,067,117.31