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TO WHOM SO EVER IT MAY CONCERN

Sub: Notification by MoC&I, New Delhi on exports from Marange Region.

Dear Members,

Please find enclosed herewith the OM issued by Ministry of Commerce & Industry, New Delhi the KP Focal Point for India regarding the agreement reached on resumption of exports of rough diamonds from the Marange Region in Zimbabwe.

The same is for your information and record please.

Sabyasachi Ray
Executive Director

Copy to: Ms. Ruchira Pant, DGEP, New Delhi
Mr Anurag Saxena, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, New Delhi

Encl: As above.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
Ministry of Commerce & Industry
Department of Commerce
EP(G&J) Section


New Delhi, 24th November, 2011.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Trade of rough diamonds from Marange mines in Zimbabwe.

The undersigned is directed to refer to this Department's O.M. of even number dated 18.11.2010 (Copy enclosed) regarding ban on trade of Marange diamonds from Zimbabwe and to say that at the recently concluded plenary meeting of the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme (KPCS), an agreement on resumption of exports of rough diamonds mined from KP compliant mines in the Marange area in Zimbabwe has been reached. A copy of the agreement is enclosed.

2. It is requested that all the customs field formations may be accordingly informed to again allow import of rough diamonds supported by prescribed KP documentation from the Marange region in Zimbabwe.


(Anurag Saxena)
Joint Secretary
Tel.: 2306 3050

To
Department of Revenue,
(Kind attn.: Mr. Sandeep M. Bhatnagar, Joint Secretary (Customs)),
North Block,
New Delhi.

Copy to:

1. Department of Revenue, Directorate General of Export Promotion (Smt. Harbinder Kaur Prasad, Additional Director), Hotel Janpath, 1st Floor, Janpath, New Delhi.
2. Shri Sabyasachi Ray, Executive Director, Gem & Jewellery Export Promotion Council, Mumbai.

KP Chair proposal for draft decision on Marange [Zimbabwe]

1. Plenary endorses exports of production from the compliant mining operations of Marange Resources and Mbada with immediate effect. Compliant mining operations¹ will share mine level data with the KP Monitoring Team on an ongoing basis with a view to ensuring transparency as regards KPCS implementation in Marange.
2. Exports may take place from other mining operations in the Marange diamond fields following KP Monitoring Team's verification of compliance². The KP monitoring team will verify compliance of operations of those other producing mines according to KPCS minimum requirements, including full access to these mining sites.
3. Plenary endorses the nomination of a KP monitoring team consisting of Abbey Chikane and Mark van Bockstael³. In case of a lack of agreement between the members of the KP monitoring team, the matter will be referred to the WGM for recommendation to the KP Chair⁴.
4. Zimbabwe commits to uphold the KPCS minimum requirements and will report to Plenary 2011 and Intersessional 2012 on the following actions, such as identification of further investors, regulation of artisanal mining, fight against illicit digging and smuggling.
5. The KP Civil Society Coalition representatives⁵ in Zimbabwe will have access to the Marange area so as to allow continued reporting on KPCS implementation.
6. This Decision will be kept under constant review in light of progress towards KP compliance and shall apply until the KP Plenary 2012.

Kinshasa Plenary meeting, 31 October 2011

¹ Compliant mining operations refers to Mbada and Marange Resources and any other mine assessed as compliant under para. 2

² The KP Monitoring Team shall visit Anjin to discharge their mandate within 14 days after the Plenary ; and, in respect of other new mines, within 14 days from the date of invitation. Upon verification of compliance, exports shall immediately commence.

³ The KP Monitoring Team will report on the performance of its mandate to the WGM on a quarterly basis, and, as the case may be, within 7 days of the completion of a verification visit.

⁴ The KP Monitoring Team shall perform its mandate on the basis of this document, and pledge to perform their duties with collegiality, impartiality, objectively and fairly. In this regard, the KP Monitoring Team shall not be held liable for any damages caused to any mining operations in Zimbabwe, or any of the parties, in the performance of their duties

⁵ The KP civil Society Coalition will notify the KP and Zimbabwe of their designated representatives.

W. Remy
on behalf of
the EU Delegation to KP Plenary
Kinshasa, 1 Nov 2011

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Ministry of Commerce and Industry
Department of Commerce

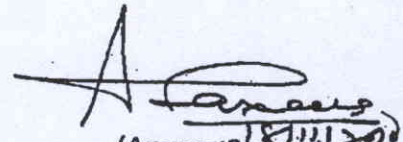
Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated the 18th November 2010

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: KP Chair Notice on Trade of Marange Diamonds-Zimbabwe

The undersigned is directed to refer to this Department's O.M. of even number dated 11th June 2010 on the captioned subject and to enclose herewith a KP Chair Notice dated 17th November 2010 informing that no trade of Marange diamonds can currently take place under the Joint Work Plan until an agreement can be found. KP Chair has also requested the Participant countries to be vigilant and to notify the Working Group on Monitoring Chair in the event of receipt of an irregular shipment of Marange diamonds. A copy of the Notice received from KP Chair is enclosed

2. It is requested to kindly circulate the information to all Customs field formations.


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CC:

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2. Executive Director, GJEPC, Mumbai.