



Australian Government

Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism

LICENCE TO EXPORT ROUGH DIAMONDS

Application For Frequent Exporters

Exports of rough diamonds from Australia are subject to the provisions of the *Customs (Prohibited Exports) Regulations 1958*.

The need to control these exports reflects Australia's commitment, as a participant in the Kimberley Process, to establish an international scheme of certification for rough diamonds, thereby helping to break the link between armed conflict and the trade in rough diamonds.

Subject to an application being approved, the Minister for Resources, Energy and Tourism (RET) or an authorised person will issue an export licence to a frequent exporter (producer or merchant) of rough diamonds. Rough diamonds subject to the Kimberley Process are diamonds that are unworked or simply sawn, cleaved or bruted and fall under the Australian Harmonised Export Commodity Classification (AHECC) codes (maintained by the Australian Bureau of Statistics, catalogue no. 1233.0): **7102.10; 7102.21; and 7102.31**. If a licence is approved, RET will issue the company with a series of numbered Kimberley Process Certificates (KPCs). In order to allow the system to operate in the least onerous manner, the licensed exporter will be authorised to complete KPCs on a shipment by shipment basis, informing RET accordingly. The process will be subject to audit.

Any company wishing to frequently export rough diamonds from Australia must apply to RET formally requesting approval for the proposed exports. The following information should be included in the application:

- brief company background and nature of export business;
- extent of proposed business and commercial benefits likely to result, eg. approximate export value; and
- predicted annual activities regarding:
 - source of rough diamonds for export;
 - quality of rough diamonds for export and relevant Commodity Classification Code;
 - annual export quantity (metric carat weight, approximated value in USD and total free on board value in AUD); and
 - export arrangements and number of shipments that are projected for the coming 12 month period.
- A statement which identifies the company's main end-users.
- A listing of stock holdings of rough diamonds shown by metric carat weight by country of origin.
- An affirmative statement declaring that all rough diamonds exported will be produced from legitimate sources, not involved in funding conflict.

Applicants should be aware that RET will approach the appropriate State Governments to verify that companies' procedures for handling rough diamonds conform to Kimberley Process guidelines. RET will also work closely with the State Government in the collection of production and sales information required by the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme.

All correspondence should be addressed to:

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In assessing applications, RET works closely with Commonwealth and State law enforcement agencies, including the Australian Customs Service. All information received from applicants is treated as Commercial-in-Confidence.

For additional information on rough diamond export procedures please phone:
(02) 6213 6946.