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MARKETING DIAMONDS

Antwerp, Belgium has been the centre of the international diamond market for over 100 years. Eighty percent of the world's diamonds pass through this city.

Diamonds shipped to BHP Billiton's Antwerp office are divided among Core Customers, Window Sales, and two Northwest Territories cutting and polishing factories.

Core Customers

These are diamond buyers that BHP Billiton has selected from a group of international clients. These companies are highly respected in the diamond industry worldwide. Each Core Customer receives an assortment of the highest quality rough diamonds every five weeks.

Window Sales

Window sales are used to test prices in the diamond market on a regular basis. Small parcels of rough diamonds are packaged and shown to invited individuals for purchase.

NWT Cutting and Polishing Factories

Two factories located in Yellowknife each receive up to 2,500 carats of diamonds of varying quality and sizes every five weeks. These factories are Arslanian Cutting Works NWT Ltd. and Polar Bear Diamonds Ltd.



CANADAMARK™

Advances in technology have taken verification and tracking to higher levels than was possible in past years. The CanadaMark program is the result of these practices. It reflects the joint commitment of private sector and the Government of Canada to one guiding principle, the reliable authenticity of Canadian diamonds. Each diamond is monitored from the rough crystal through to the finished product creating an unbroken chain. When a diamond bears the CanadaMark symbol, you can be certain that it's an authentic Canadian diamond.

As part of the Kimberly Process Canada Customs verifies the shipments of all rough diamonds exported from Canada, which means the heat-sealed packages of rough diamonds sent to BHP Billiton's Antwerp sales office are not re-opened until they arrive in Europe, ensuring their protection and security.

BHP Billiton is a founding member of the World Diamond Council (WDC) and the Council for Responsible Jewellery Practices (CRJP), organizations established to promote responsible business practices throughout the industry from mine to retail.

In February 2006, BHP Billiton Diamonds Inc. received ISO 9001 certification from BSI Management Systems for operating a Quality Management System in the preparation of rough diamonds from the EKATI Diamond Mine for marketing. This includes cleaning, sorting, valuating, Kimberley Process Certification, and shipping. This ISO 9001 certificate of registration is effective to 2009 and represents over 18 months of work by management and staff at BHP Billiton's Sorting and Valuation Facility.

