



Diamond Round Table

October 24, 2009

Mwanza, Tanzania

Letter of Invitation to Mwanza Mining Round Table

8 October 2009

Dear Participant

We hereby cordially extend to you our invitation to participate in the Mwanza Mining Round Table Workshop, being co-hosted by the Round Table Africa (RTA), the Eastern and Southern African Management Institute (ESAMI) and the Ministry of Energy and Minerals on the 24th of October 2009, in Mwanza, Tanzania. The purpose of this workshop is to explore ways and means of upgrading the competitiveness, value addition and local participation in the fast growing diamond sector in Tanzania. The Mwanza Chapter of Round Table Africa will focus on moulding and crystallising the implementation of the proposed diamond cutting and polishing project, as part of the upgrading strategy for the artisanal and small-scale (ASM) diamond miners' business value chain in Tanzania. The workshop will address the following attendant issues:

- Situational analysis of the diamond industry in terms of policy; regulation; local participation; empowerment of ASMs; projects; investment financing; products; opportunities for local sorting, cutting and polishing; export market segmentation, penetration and promotion; and sector development business models (foreign investment promotion versus business to business (B2B) between locals and foreigners, public private partnership (PPP) in establishing large cutting, polishing and manufacturing facilities within Tanzania.
- Capacity building of technical know-how, skills, mining project management and information building in the diamond sector in Tanzania
- Review of a model pilot projects for diamond sorting, cutting and polishing in Botswana, Namibia and Canada

The Round Table is being attended by representatives of small, medium and large scale diamond miners in Tanzania; Regional mining associations; officials from the Ministry of Energy and Minerals; leading Consultants and Researchers in diamond mining projects; and co-ordinators from RTA and ESAMI.

Round Table Africa will provide one day accommodation for those coming outside Mwanza. Morning and afternoon refreshments, lunch and a cocktail will be provided to all.

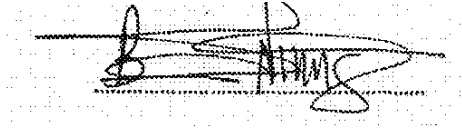
We look forward to your participation in building domestic capacity for diamond industry development for poverty eradication.



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