



The GSSA Professional Programmes Committee  
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**PRESENTS**

# **KIMBERLEY DIAMOND SYMPOSIUM & Trade Show**

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>, Friday 12<sup>th</sup>, and Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2014**

**Mittah Seperepere Convention Centre, The Big Hole, Kimberley, Northern Cape**

## **ABOUT THE SYMPOSIUM**

The GSSA DPP Diamond and Kimberlite Symposium & Trade Show will take place in Kimberley, South Africa in September 2014, and will follow in the footsteps of the highly successful 'Diamonds in Kimberley Symposium' held in Kimberley in August 2007.

The Kimberley Diamond Symposium is being held back-to-back with the International Mineralogical Association Conference (IMA) which is taking place the previous week (1 – 5 September, 2014) in Johannesburg. This will allow participants of the IMA to also attend the Kimberley Diamond Symposium, and participate in fieldtrips to historical diamond sites and unique mantle mineralogical sampling opportunities on the Kimberley and other famous kimberlite mine dumps e.g. Roberts Victor.

Following the challenging years brought about by the International Financial Crisis, the local and international diamond industry is steadily redressing itself. Diamond mining continues to be active in the Northern Cape and adjacent areas and large diamonds of exceptional quality are regularly recovered from alluvial deposits associated with the Vaal, Orange, and Riet River drainages. Reprocessing of old tailings dumps in and around Kimberley has opened a new phase of exploitation in this historic area, and on-going technological advances are helping to sustain an industry which has been active since the 1860's.



## SYMPOSIUM FOCUS

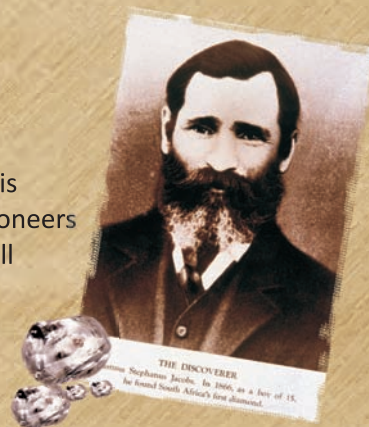
This symposium will focus on diamond exploration and mining, including alluvial diamonds, in the Kimberley region and elsewhere in southern Africa, as well as new developments in Canada, India, Africa, and other parts of the world.

New technological developments related to exploration, mining, and processing and recovery will be addressed. The activities of junior, mid-tier and senior diamond explorers and miners will be covered, as will the state of play of the international diamond business.

Recent scientific developments in the study of diamond bearing carrier rocks such as kimberlites, and the mantle (the source and repository of diamonds) will be presented.

## THE HISTORY AND ITS CHARACTERS

The history of the Northern Cape Diamond Fields and the characters that helped shape this fascinating business will also be a subject of discussion at the symposium. Some of the pioneers of diamond industry, and in particular the larger than life private operators or 'Diggers' will attend the symposium and share their exploits in this fascinating and unique business.



## CALL FOR PAPERS

Should you wish to present at the Symposium you are requested to send a short abstract to [events@rca.co.za](mailto:events@rca.co.za) for consideration by the organizers.

## KIMBERLEY MUSEUM



The famous Kimberley Mine Museum has been substantially upgraded and offers a world class facility housing an amazing collection of diamonds, a remarkable snapshot of the history and development of the Kimberley and Northern Cape diamond fields, insight into the mantle below Kimberley, and spectacular panoramas of world and South African history.

## FIELD TRIPS

Field trips will be organized to kimberlite pipes and fissure mines, alluvial diamond deposits, old tailings dumps famous for yielding spectacular mantle samples such as peridotites and eclogites, and historical places of interest in and around Kimberley in the Northern Cape Province and parts of the Free State Province.

## TRADE SHOW AND SPONSORSHIPS

Full details will follow but if you are interested at exhibiting at the trade show or sponsoring some aspect of the symposium please contact Michelle at [events@rca.co.za](mailto:events@rca.co.za) or call **011 487 3819/2260** to indicate your interest.

## INFORMATION

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