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Explanatory Notes for Public Release of Kimberley Process Certification Scheme Data

As stated in the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme (KPCS) document, “reliable and comparable data are an important tool for the effective implementation of the certification scheme.” Pursuant to KPCS requirements, Participants submit rough diamond production statistics on a semi-annual basis and rough diamond trade statistics and KPC count statistics on a quarterly basis, three months after the reference period.

The KPCS, in the interest of transparency, is making data available to the public.

Data starting in 2004 will be published annually, approximately six months after the reference year. The data for each Participant are published on an annual basis for production by volume (carats) and value (US\$), imports and exports by volume (carats) and value (US\$), KPC counts, and a grand total of the respective values for all Participants. In addition, data will be published on a quarterly basis for imports, exports and associated KPC counts and on a semi-annual basis for production.

The KPCS production and trade statistics might differ from the respective national statistical agency’s production or trade data due to differing conceptual and methodological practices employed in gathering and reporting these data. However, the KPCS has passed an administrative decision that will minimize discrepancies in the aggregated statistics and increase consistency in the tabulation of the statistical data for export, imports and KP certificate counts of rough diamond operations starting with data for the first quarter of 2011.

Every effort is made to ensure that the data reported to the KPCS by Participants are reliable and error free. However, users of the data should be aware that since each Participant reports their own statistics and that reporting practices might vary between Participants, the KPCS does not guarantee the quality, accuracy or consistency of the data presented.

KPCS data are provided free for use to interested parties. Using KPCS data for publication or otherwise requires a reference to the source of the data as “*Kimberley Process Certification Scheme*”.

The KPCS document can be found at: <http://www.kimberleyprocess.com/> under Documents, Core Documents.

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