Environmental Policy

Petra Diamond’s South African operations recognise and acknowledge the need to, within our area of influence and interest, conduct environmentally sustainable prospecting, mining and related activities.

Our environmental commitments comprise the following:

- Adherence to and conformity with South African environmental laws, regulations and requirements.
- Commitment to following the international standards of best practice;
- Rigorous environmental management of our operations and related activities (within our area of control and influence).
- Promotion of environmental awareness among our employees and the community.
- Operational control of any process, facility or activity that can or will have an adverse affect on the environment.
- Continual improvement of our environmental management systems.
- Validation of our commitment towards the environment through long-term sustainable practices.

In order to ensure that we meet these commitments, we undertake to concentrate on:

- Minimising, and where possible, eliminating the visual, noise and vibration impacts of our mining operations.
- Rehabilitation of mining residue deposits in order to minimise the negative environmental impacts and to ensure sustainable end use.
- Constant measurement and monitoring of key characteristics in order to prevent potential and mitigate actual pollution to air, land and water.
- Ensuring that environmental risk and emergency procedures and plans are developed and kept up to date as well as made widely available for training and procedural purposes.
- Optimise consumption of renewable and non-renewable resources such as water and electricity to guarantee the sustainability of our operations.
- Recycle and lawfully dispose of unpreventable solid waste in an environmentally friendly manner.
- Reduce environmental impacts from mining on soil integrity, biodiversity and sensitive environmental elements.
- Management of all chemicals, substances, materials and containers through responsible purchasing, handling, storage, disposal and clean up of spillages.
- Informing, training and making our employees and contractors aware of the importance of sustainable environmental management, in addition to their roles and responsibilities within the Environmental Management System.
- Approach stakeholders openly and transparently on our environmental matters and performance.