

NATURAL DIAMOND COUNCIL

Natural Diamond Council statement regarding the Williamson mine in Tanzania

Ever since the allegations were raised by RAID, we have had an ongoing transparent dialogue with Petra Diamonds, one of the owners of the Williamson mine in Tanzania. The RAID allegations are disturbing and we are very sorry for the people who have been affected by it.

We are confident in the process put in place by Petra Diamonds to fully investigate the RAID allegations. An independent inquiry has been established to understand and address any failings that may have happened. In due course, the Natural Diamond Council will review the conclusions drawn from the investigation and the steps which they intend to take, and we will also act accordingly.

The diamond industry is an overwhelmingly strong force for good, providing economic and social opportunities to millions of people throughout the world. Employees and business owners throughout the industry are committed to the enhancement of local communities and to making the world a better place, and allegations of actions contrary to the ethics of the industry are very rare.