

**Natural Resources Canada
Minerals and Metals Sector**

Comments on Consultation Document: Diamonds and “Made in Canada” Representations

Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) welcomes this consultation by the Competition Bureau and compliments the Bureau on their presentation of the subject and the related background information.

NRCan’s interest in this issue stems from our mandate to:

- participate in the development and application of codes and standards for...natural resources products and for the management and use of natural resources;
- seek to enhance the responsible development and use of Canada's natural resources and the competitiveness of Canada's natural resources products;
- participate in the enhancement and promotion of market access for Canada's natural resources products ... both domestically and internationally¹.

Canada is the world's largest exporter of minerals and metals, exporting approximately 60 different mineral commodities to over 100 countries around the globe. Canada is also a major exporter of down-stream, value-added mineral- and metal-related products. As a major trading nation, and as the home of several large, integrated multinational minerals and metals producers, as well as growing number of junior mining companies involved in direct investment, and exploration and development activities abroad, Canada is dependent on transparent, predictable, rules-based international trade and investment regimes.

The Minerals and Metals Policy of the Government of Canada, which can be accessed at <http://www.nrcan.gc.ca/mms/sdev/policy-e.htm> has, as one of its six major objectives, ensuring the international competitiveness of Canada's minerals and metals industry in the context of an open and liberal global trade and investment framework. Any clarification or other output from this consultation pertaining to the “Made in Canada” designation as it applies to diamonds must be consistent with this federal policy.

I thank you for the opportunity to comment and look forward to the results of this consultation.

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¹ *Department of Natural Resources Act, 1994*