

## **Rough import and export figures show increase compared to December 2011**

Compared to December 2011, the volume of exported polished diamond decreased 18.91 percent. In value terms, this translates into a 17.63 percent drop to 997,878,263 U.S. dollar. The average price per carat of exported diamond equaled 1,866 U.S. dollar in December 2012.

By studying the polished export figures in 2012, we see a decrease of 18.09 percent compared to 2011 in volume terms. However, in value terms, this translates into a smaller drop of 9.76 percent to 13,211,253,157 U.S. dollar.

When we take a look at the import figures of polished diamond in December 2012, we see a 37,01 percent drop in volume terms and a 29,44 percent decrease in value terms compared to exactly one year ago.

From January to December, 7,440,164.02 carats polished diamonds were imported. Compared to 2011, this is a 17.20 percent downfall in volume terms. In value terms we see a 8.04 percent decrease to 12,904,519,190 U.S. dollar.

In December, 12,031,067.60 carats rough diamonds were exported. This equals a 38 percent increase in volume terms compared to December 2011. In value terms, this translates into a 16.86 percent increase to 1,393,946,992 U.S. dollar.

In total, 104,414,258.85 carat rough diamond was exported in 2012. This is a 2.5 percent decrease in volume terms and a 6.26 percent drop in value terms compared to 2011.

When we study the import figures of rough diamond in December 2012, we see a 26.44 percent increase in volume terms and a 12.68 percent increase in value terms compared to exactly one year ago.

From January to December 2012, we see a 10.70 percent drop in volume terms to 88,299,858.70 carat imported rough diamond. In value terms, this is a 8.79 percent downfall compared to 2011.