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THE TIFFANY & CO. FOUNDATION CONTINUES SUPPORT TO DDI

The Tiffany & Co. Foundation has once again generously awarded a grant to the Diamond Development Initiative (DDI), further aiding the organization in its work to improve the lives of artisanal diamond miners.

The Tiffany & Co. Foundation was established in 2000 to focus the company's philanthropic endeavors. The Foundation's programs promote responsible mining, healthy marine ecosystems and the enhancement of urban parks.

"We are pleased to support DDI through The Tiffany & Co. Foundation's Responsible Mining Program, which seeks to promote the development of standards for responsible mining at the large- and small-scale level," said Anisa Kamadoli Costa, Chairman and President of The Tiffany & Co. Foundation. "DDI is a leader in advancing environmentally and socially responsible standards within the artisanal diamond mining sector."

"As we receive this renewed funding from The Tiffany & Co. Foundation, we fondly remember that DDI's operational inception in 2008 was made possible through the Foundation's generous support," said Dorothee Gizenga, Executive Director of DDI. "This grant will allow DDI to continue its focus on responsible artisanal mining and on establishing a system to supply ethically-sourced artisanal diamonds to the market. In addition, the grant will also help DDI in its efforts to integrate development solutions within the Kimberley Process (KP) framework."

There are 1.5 million artisanal diamond miners in Africa and South America; they represent 1.5 million opportunities for development and sustainable economic growth.

The Diamond Development Initiative International (DDI) works to transform these opportunities into reality and ensure that diamonds are an engine for change. DDI's work could not be accomplished without the generous support of funders like The Tiffany & Co. Foundation.

About DDI: The Diamond Development Initiative International (DDI International) is registered in the United States as a 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable organization, in the District of Columbia. EIN/tax ID number: 51-0616171. DDI's executive office is located in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.