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Petra Diamonds Transforms Gumboots Into School Shoes For Local Learners



Petra Diamonds' Cullinan ("CDM") successfully launched its Gumboot Recycling Project, aimed at reducing plastic waste while supporting education through its Schools' Support Programme. This initiative, led by CDM's Health, Safety, Environmental and Social Performance Departments, transforms used gumboots into durable school shoes. The first batch of repurposed shoes was officially handed over on 20 September 2024, marking a significant step toward sustainability and community support.

At Cullinan Diamond Mine, responsible mining is central to the operation, with a strong focus on minimising environmental impact through responsible waste management. As part of this commitment, CDM employees contributed to this initiative by donating their used gumboots, which were cleaned, reprocessed and transformed into eco-friendly school shoes. A total of 940 kg of gumboots were recycled coupled with additional financial support from CDM, allowing 100 pairs of shoes to be donated to learners at the Leeuwnfontein Primary Farm School, Region 5 – the first beneficiaries of the project.

"This initiative reflects our commitment to sustainability and community upliftment. By turning waste into opportunity, we not only reduce our environmental footprint but also provide tangible support to the learners in our communities. This project is a testament to our purpose of creating abundance from rarity," said Richard Duffy, Petra Diamonds CEO.

Cullinan Diamond Mine remains dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for local communities and continues to seek innovative ways to support and invest in regional development.

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About Petra Diamonds Limited

Petra Diamonds is a leading independent diamond mining group and a supplier of gem-quality rough diamonds to the international market. The Company's portfolio incorporates interests in three underground mines in South Africa (Cullinan Mine, Finsch and Koffiefontein) and one open pit mine in Tanzania (Williamson). The Koffiefontein mine is currently on care and maintenance in preparation for closure.

Petra's strategy is to focus on value rather than volume production by optimising recoveries from its high-quality asset base to maximise its efficiency and profitability. The Group has a significant resource base which supports the potential for long-life operations.

Petra strives to conduct all operations according to the highest ethical standards and only operates in countries which are members of the Kimberley Process. The Company aims to generate tangible value for each of its stakeholders, thereby contributing to the socio-economic development of its host countries and supporting long-term sustainable operations to the benefit of its employees, partners and communities.

Petra is quoted with a premium listing on the Main Market of the London Stock Exchange under the ticker 'PDL'. The Company's loan notes due in 2026 are listed on the Irish Stock Exchange and admitted to trading on the Global Exchange Market. For more information, visit www.petradiamonds.com.

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