

# My Country To Defend: Exploring the Diamond Industry in Botswana



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Botswana is a country blessed with an abundance of natural resources, including diamonds. The diamond industry has played a significant role in shaping Botswana's economy and society, and it continues to be a vital part of the country's development.

In this article, we will take an in-depth look at the diamond industry in Botswana, exploring its history, impact, and future prospects.

## History of the Diamond Industry in Botswana

The diamond industry in Botswana began in the early 1960s, with the discovery of diamonds in the Orapa area. The Orapa diamond mine was opened in 1971, and it quickly became one of the largest diamond mines in the world. In the years that followed, additional diamond mines were discovered and developed in Botswana, and the country's diamond industry continued to grow.

The diamond industry has had a profound impact on Botswana's economy. In the early years of independence, Botswana was one of the poorest countries in Africa. However, the discovery of diamonds led to a rapid economic transformation. The diamond industry has provided Botswana with a steady stream of revenue, which has been used to invest in education, healthcare, and other social programs.

The diamond industry has also had a significant impact on Botswana's society. The influx of revenue from the diamond industry has led to a rise in living standards for many Botswana. In addition, the diamond industry has created thousands of jobs, and it has helped to develop Botswana's infrastructure.

### **The Diamond Industry Today**

The diamond industry is still a vital part of Botswana's economy. In 2020, the diamond industry accounted for approximately 25% of Botswana's GDP. The industry also employs over 20,000 people.

The diamond industry in Botswana is facing a number of challenges, including the global economic downturn and the rise of synthetic diamonds. However, the industry is expected to continue to play a significant role in Botswana's economy for many years to come.

### **The Future of the Diamond Industry in Botswana**

The future of the diamond industry in Botswana depends on a number of factors, including the global economy, the development of new technologies, and the demand for diamonds. However, the industry is expected to continue to play a significant role in Botswana's economy for many years to come.

The Botswana government is committed to supporting the diamond industry. The government has invested in a number of initiatives to promote the industry, including the development of new diamond mines and the establishment of a diamond cutting and polishing center.

The diamond industry in Botswana is a success story. The industry has helped to transform Botswana into one of the most prosperous countries in Africa. The industry is expected to continue to play a significant role in Botswana's economy for many years to come.



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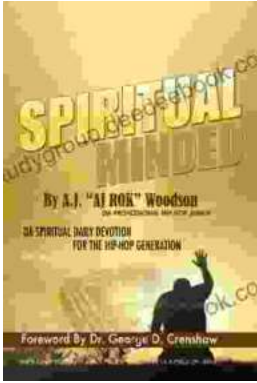
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