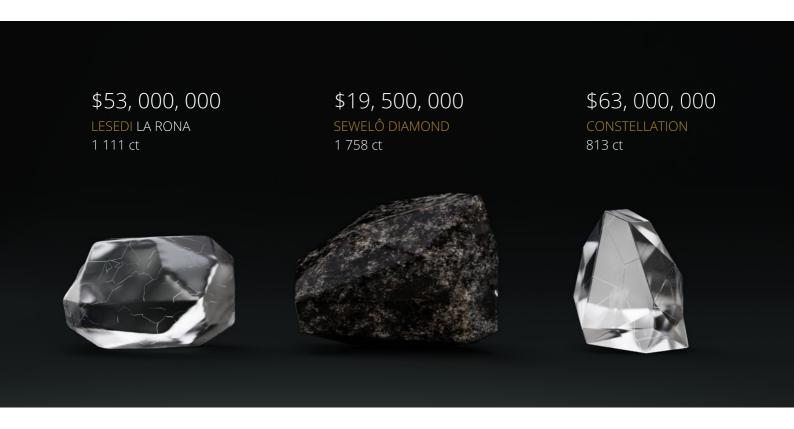


### SAVE LARGE DIAMONDS

with intelligent configurations through RFID tracing.



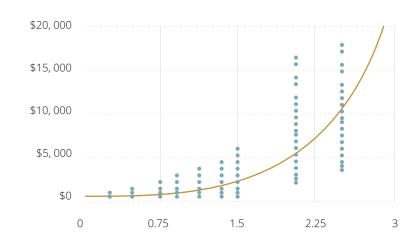
# SMALL BREAKS, BIG LO\$\$: Results by numbers



## **SHOW ME THE CARATS**

The pricing of rough diamonds is closely tied to their weight, with **larger diamonds** commanding **exponentially higher prices** due to their rarity and potential value. As the weight of a diamond increases, so does its price per carat, leading to a dramatic escalation in overall value.

This non-linear relationship between weight and price reflects the scarcity of larger diamonds in nature, as well as the increased demand for these exceptional gems in the market. Consequently, the discovery of a sizeable rough diamond in a mine is a highly sought-after event, as it signifies the potential for significant profit and prestige in the world of precious stones.



ROUND CUT DIAMOND EARNINGS: PRICE (USD) VS WEIGHT (CT)

## HIGH RISK IDENTIFICATION:

Damage/breakage patterns associated with each equipment type

### XRT DIAMOND RECOVERY

### **BREAKAGE ASSESSMENT**

### **CONE CRUSHER**

Multiple remnants forming, crushing regions limited, propagation directions change on single sample.

### MILL

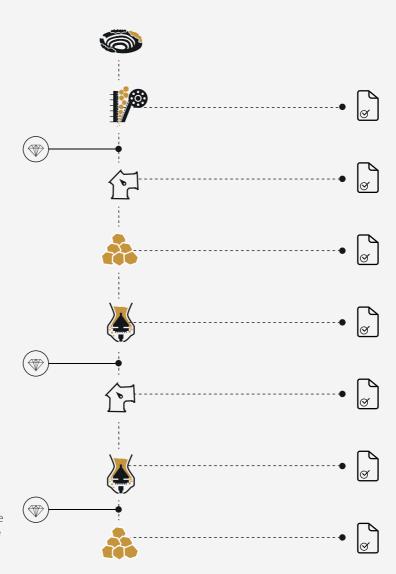
Rounding of sharp corners, slight pulverisation on some corners, no fractures.

### **IAW CRUSHER**

Significant pulverisation, single remnants, directional propagation from crushed corners.

#### TRANSFER POINTS

Sub-surface crushing in a line, single remnants forming, multiple fracture propagation directions.

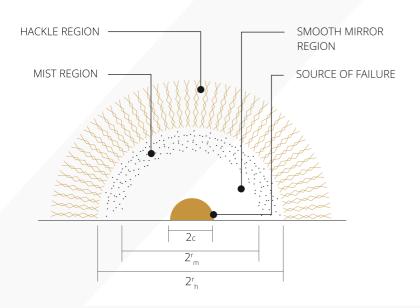


# INCREASE SURVIVAL RATE: CRASH TEST DUMMIES FOR DIAMONDS

## PROPRIETARY DIAMOND SIMULANT COMPOUND DEVELOPED IN COLLABORATION WITH THE CSIR & UNIVERSITY OF PRETORIA



# TYPICAL DIAMOND FRACTURE DESCRIPTION



### **CRUSHING DAMAGE:**

Region where the material was pulverised, usually due to point contact at right angles to the surface.

### SPALLING DAMAGE:

Removal of a small section from the surface due to an oblique application of force.

#### MIRROR REGION:

Region of crack propagation, featureless. This region is followed by the mist region, which is a smooth region with some surface detail.

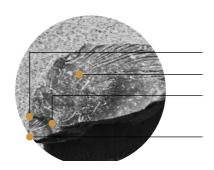
### RIPPLE LINES AND HACKLE REGION:

Radial lines in the hackle region, pointing to the origin.

### **OBSERVED CHARACTERISTICS:**

# Diamond breakage risk identification & breakage reduction

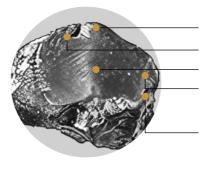
TYPICAL FRACTOGRAPHIC FEATURES OF FRACTURED SIMULANT



RIPPLE LINES
MIRROR REGION
CRACK ARREST

POINT OF INITIATION

TYPICAL FRACTOGRAPHIC FEATURES OF SIMULANTS FROM CURRENT GROUP



SITE 02 PROPAGATION DIRECTION

SITE 02 INITIATION

CRACK PROPAGATION (NEW PLANE)

FRONT PROPAGATION DIRECTION

INITIATION SITE 01

### TYPICAL FRACTOGRAPHIC

FEATURES OF FRACTURED SIMULANTS AFTER PASSING THROUGH CONE CRUSHER



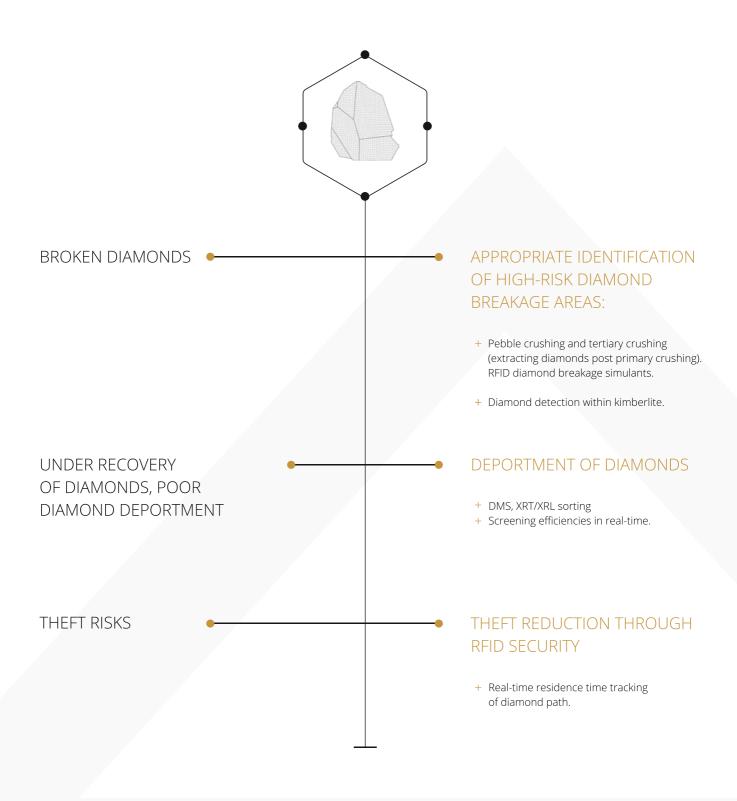
**FRACTURED SURFACE** 



**UNAFFECTED SURFACE** 

## LARGE DIAMOND PROTECTION

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