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Dear Brocy,

While in Groov, I suggested to send you some information on the diamond business. You will find the following documents:

1. A letter from Sir Ernest Oppenheimer to our chairman de Boer. Written 39 years ago, I think it is no more confidential. I thought you might be interested to know how De Beers reacted to synthetic diamond.

B.C.K. referred to in page 2 is the company I worked for, now called Sibeko, 100% owner of Piedmont Boort. This company was owner of the MIBA mine in Zaïre (ex-Congo), producing at that time more than half of the World industrial diamond production (and working $\pm$ 6 months a year !)

2. Amongst others:

- an article showing that gem-quality synthetic diamond is already being made (G.E., De Beers, Sumitomo) in Belt-type equipments.

- an article on diamonds found in laprochite, not Kimberlite formation.

- the best figures I have on the World consumption of industrial diamonds is 750 million carats of which 40-45 million natural !

I hope you will enjoy the reading.

Jury