

The World of Diamonds

Earth's diamond mines produce some 800 million stones—both gem quality and industrial—a year. Eighty percent of the diamonds destined for jewelry pass through Antwerp before they reach the cutting wheel. Laborers in India cut and polish nine out of ten gems; the majority will eventually reach stores in the United States.





• Zimbabwe

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• Tanzania

Democratic Rep. ofAll of Southern Afr

Russia

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Locations

- Angola
- Botswana
- Zimbabwe
- Tanzania
- Democratic Rep. of Congo
- · All of Southern Africa

Africa Australia

India

Russia

United States

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Today, diamonds are mined in 25 countries, and on every continent except Europe and Antarctica.



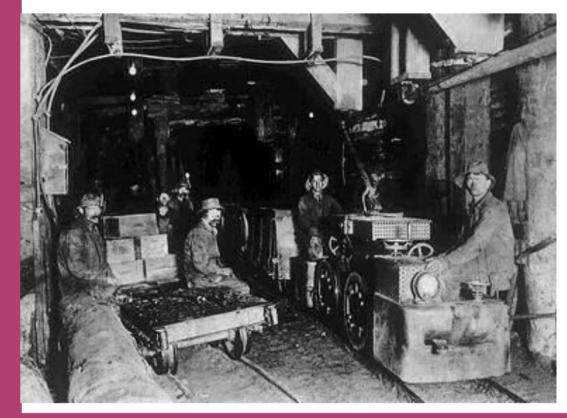


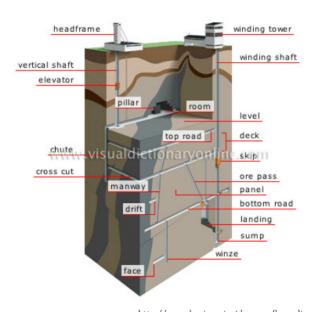












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Waste rock is often processed into gravel or cement and used for road and railroad construction.