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## Sierra Leone's Peace Diamond Press Conference in New York

**Freetown, 20<sup>th</sup> November 2017.** The general public, especially journalists and non-state actors in the extractive industry are hereby invited to participate in The Peace Diamond Press Conference scheduled to take place in New York and over the internet on Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017 at 9:30am EST (2:30pm Sierra Leone time) at the offices of the Rapaport Group on 1212 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue of the Americas, Suite 801, New York, N.Y 10036, USA.

Organized by the Rapaport Group, an international network of companies providing added-value services that support the development of ethical, transparent, competitive and efficient diamond and jewelry markets, the Press Conference will introduce Pastor Momoh of the artisanal diggers, Paramount Chief Paul V. Saquee of Tankoro Chiefdom in Kono District, and Martin Rapaport, Chairman Rapaport Group, who will be present and available for one on one interviews.

Journalists attending the press conference will have an opportunity to hold and photograph the Peace Diamond, while those online will be able to participate and ask questions via <https://zoom.us/j/753274144> and telephone number +1 855 880 1246, Webinar ID 753 274 144.

The Peace Diamond Auction will be held in New York on Monday, Dec. 4 at 10:00am, in Rapaport Offices. The auction will simultaneously take place online at <https://zoom.us/j/753274144>, which will be broadcasted worldwide. Registered bidders will be able to bid in person, online, over the telephone or by submitting an official Bid Form before the auction. Registration, Bid Forms and additional information will be available shortly at [www.peacediamond.com](http://www.peacediamond.com). Assistance is available by emailing [peacediamond@diamonds.net](mailto:peacediamond@diamonds.net) or by calling +1-212-354-9800.

The press conference will provide journalists unprecedented access to the Peace Diamond and to those that discovered it and will benefit from it. There will be an opportunity for questions. Private interviews may be arranged by appointment. Camera crews will have full access to the diamond and participants.

Images, videos and background stories are also available at [www.peacediamond.com](http://www.peacediamond.com).

For additional international Press Conference numbers: Please use Webinar ID 753 274 144.

And visit [https://zoom.us/zoomconference?m=7xZrdWjkspYS80JEXeJFuvxXY2p\\_bVgU](https://zoom.us/zoomconference?m=7xZrdWjkspYS80JEXeJFuvxXY2p_bVgU)

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