

GOVERNMENT TO SELL 709 CARATS DIAMOND BY INTERNATIONAL TENDER

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Freetown, 17th March 2017. The Ministry of Mines and Mineral Resources and the National Minerals Agency wish to inform the general public that an uncut diamond weighing 709.48 carats was found in Koryardu village, Tankoro chiefdom in Kono district, Eastern Sierra Leone on Tuesday 14th March 2017.

His Excellency the President, Dr. Ernest Bai Koroma, has given instructions for the diamond to be sold inside Sierra Leone by international tender, whereby interested parties from all over the world will have the opportunity to participate. The Ministry of Mines and Mineral Resources and the National Minerals Agency are putting the necessary modalities in place to conduct the international tender for the 709.48 carats diamond in a transparent manner, subject to a reserved price.

The diamond will be displayed for viewing at the Bank of Sierra Leone on a date to be announced later, and interested parties will then submit sealed bids, which will be opened in front of all bidders at the Ministry of Mines and Mineral Resources. The print and electronic media will be invited, and the outcome of the tender will be communicated to the general public.

The Ministry of Mines and Mineral Resources hereby assures the public of its firm commitment to transparency and accountability in the minerals sector.

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