

‘Quotes’

What is a conflict diamond?

“Conflict diamonds are diamonds that originate from areas controlled by forces or factions opposed to legitimate and internationally recognized governments, and are used to fund military action in opposition to those governments, or in contravention of the decisions of the Security Council.” -- **United Nations**

What are Blood Diamonds?

“Blood diamonds are diamonds that are implicated in horrific human rights abuses including diamond-fueled violence, child labor, and environmental destruction.” – **Real Diamond Facts website**

“All diamonds are blood diamonds.” **www.boycottdiamonds.com**

“Six years after the blood diamond issue came to international attention, the industry has failed to change its practices. ... The system of warranties is unable to prevent blood diamonds from entering the legitimate trade.” **Global Witness**

“Right now there is really no way of ensuring 100 percent that the diamond in your engagement ring is conflict free, but consumers can change that, by taking a stand this holiday season.” **Charmian Gooch of Global Witness**

“Consumers have the power to effect industry-wide change simply by demanding that their diamonds are clean. Amnesty International and Global Witness recommend that consumers ask jewelry retailers the following questions when purchasing diamonds:

- Do you know where your diamonds come from?
- Can I see a copy of your company’s policy on conflict diamonds?
- Can you show me a written guarantee from your diamond suppliers that states your diamonds are conflict-free?
- How can I be sure that none of your jewelry contains conflict diamonds?”

Amnesty International and Global Witness - Press Release

“Is the Kimberley Process working? Yes, it is working – but not as well as we would like – there are nearly 70 countries involved which is no mean feat – the problems that remain are easy to solve if the governments and industry can be bothered to do so – that means time and money.” – **Alex Yearsley, Global Witness**

“It isn’t a question of dumping money in there and fixing it. The problem is jobs. If we knew how to create jobs for illiterate untrained people, we would have done it 50 years ago. — **Ian Smillie, Partnership Africa Canada**