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Namibia's 15 cutting and polishing factories have processed and exported polished diamonds valued at more than N\$21 billion between 2021 and 2024, with exports worth over N\$7 billion recorded in the 2022 financial year alone.

This was revealed by Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Mines, Energy and Industry, Natangue lithete, who said the sector currently employs 1,430 workers, of whom approximately 81% are Namibian citizens.

"The remaining 19% are expatriates, reflecting our commitment to local employment while maintaining essential expertise. It is crucial that we sustain this balance to support the industry's growth," lithete said.

He noted that ten factories owned by customers of the Namibia Diamond Trading Company (NDTC), including Sightholders and Enterprise



Development Programme (EDP) companies, account for 86% of total employment in the cutting and polishing sector. According to the Minister, 62 Namibians hold management positions across 12 of these factories.

"The diamond industry has

significant socio-economic potential for Namibia. However, we face serious challenges from a global downturn in demand that has forced mines to reduce production. This threatens jobs and government revenues, underscoring

the need for resilience and innovation in our sector," lithete warned.

The Minister emphasised that NDTC applies strict conditions for granting and maintaining Sightholder status.

"These include financial compliance with international reporting standards, operating cutting and polishing factories within Namibia, and meeting a minimum annual purchase threshold of US\$15 million to sustain factory viability," he explained.

lithete stressed that contract terminations are not taken lightly.

"The decision to terminate Sightholder contracts is based primarily on a company's inability to meet financial and operational compliance criteria, including minimum purchase requirements. These measures are necessary to ensure the sustainability and competitiveness of Namibia's diamond industry," he said.

In response to factory closures and job losses, lithete said the Ministry, together with NDTC and the Diamond Manufacturers Association of Namibia (DIAMAN), works to find alternative employment for affected workers.

"We work closely with companies, industry associations, and stakeholders to minimise job losses in the event of factory closures. Past collaborations have helped us successfully find placements for displaced workers, and we remain committed to protecting livelihoods amid difficult market conditions," he said.

lithete also highlighted NDTC's downstream beneficiation efforts, particularly the Enterprise Development Programme, launched in January 2023, which aims to train Namibians to participate meaningfully across the diamond value chain.

"The Enterprise Development Programme is designed to empower Namibian citizens by equipping them with skills to actively participate in the diamond value chain. Despite ongoing global market challenges, the programme's companies have exported significant volumes and continue to provide meaningful employment," he said.

There are currently twelve factories operating in Namibia's cutting and polishing sector: ten NDTC Sightholders and two EDP companies. Of these, five

Sightholder factories are wholly foreign-owned, while Namibian citizens hold shareholding stakes of between 26% and 41% in the others.

Since 2021, NDTC Sightholder companies have invested around N\$500 million in upgrading infrastructure and technology in Namibia, with an additional N\$70 million investment planned over the next 12 months to expand operations and increase capacity. lithete reaffirmed that the Diamond Act No. 13 of 1999 allows both Namibians and non-Namibians to participate fully in the country's diamond sector, provided they are properly licensed.

The Minister also indicated that the government is working on new policies to increase local benefits from Namibia's diamond and mineral resources.

"We are developing reforms to ensure that Namibians benefit more fully from their country's mineral wealth. Our goal is to create an inclusive industry that supports sustainable economic growth and delivers tangible benefits to our citizens across all levels of the diamond value chain," lithete said in the National Assembly.



Cleanergy extends planned ammonia pipeline

Cleanergy Solutions Namibia (Pty) Ltd has extended its planned ammonia pipeline by 80 km, significantly altering the original design that covered just 12.7 km between Farm 58 and the Walvis Bay north port.

The revision is included in an updated Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) submitted to the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (MEFT).

The joint venture, owned by Namibia's Ohlthaver & List Group (51%) and Belgium-based CMB.TECH (49%), is currently developing both a hydrogen and ammonia

production plant on Farm 58 under a 25-year lease agreement with the Walvis Bay Municipality.

The added pipeline segment will run from Arandis to the port, replacing a previously proposed 22-inch hydrogen pipeline with an 8-inch carbon steel ammonia line. The revised pipeline route will support the transportation of green ammonia from the production site near Walvis Bay to the terminal and jetty at the port for storage, domestic use, or export.

The original 12.7 km section will remain in place, linking the production plant directly to the port area.

Both segments form part of Cleanergy's broader green fuel infrastructure rollout in the Erongo Region, aimed at supporting Namibia's ambition to become a hub for renewable hydrogen and ammonia exports.

Cleanergy is also planning a N\$4 billion (€230 million) ammonia terminal near Walvis Bay, targeted for completion between 2026 and 2028.

The pipeline route, once approved, will require a registered servitude and will be accessible via the D1984 and B2 roads between Swakopmund and Walvis Bay.

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NamPower to break ground on 100MW Sores IGaib solar plant

The Namibia Power Corporation (NamPower) is set to officially break ground on its largest solar power plant, the 100MW Sores IGaib Power Station, near Rosh Pinah in the //Kharas Region.



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The project site is located about 33 km northwest of Rosh Pinah.

The plant aims to deliver affordable renewable energy to the national grid while supporting Namibia’s renewable energy targets and national development plans.

The project was awarded to a joint venture between China Jiangxi International Economic and Technical Cooperation and Chint New Energy Development (Zhejiang).

NamPower awarded the N\$1.4 billion contract for the project in September 2024. The total project cost is about N\$1.6 billion, with nearly 80% financed through a concessional loan from KfW, and the remainder funded by NamPower.

The construction phase is expected to create hundreds of jobs, with a requirement that at least 25% of construction costs be spent on local content, injecting over N\$350 million into the local economy.

The plant is scheduled to begin commercial operations in the second quarter of 2026.

“This investment will contribute to managing and

regulating future increases in electricity tariffs. It will not only benefit individual consumers by slowing the rate of increases in their electricity bills but will also support overall economic growth and environmental sustainability,” NamPower Managing Director Simson

Haulofu said at the EPC signing.

The Sores |Gaib Power Station is set to become the second-largest solar facility in Namibia, supporting the government’s goals for energy security and self-sufficiency as outlined in national planning policies.

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DESCRIPTION:	Supply and Delivery of Meteorological Mast Equipment
BID CLOSING DATE:	Monday, 30 June 2025 at 12H00 PM Namibian Time
GENERAL QUERIES CAN BE ADDRESSED TO:	Procurement Management Unit Tel : +264 61 431 7733/38
BIDDING DOCUMENTS CAN BE REQUESTED VIA EMAIL:	Email : procurement@eif.org.na
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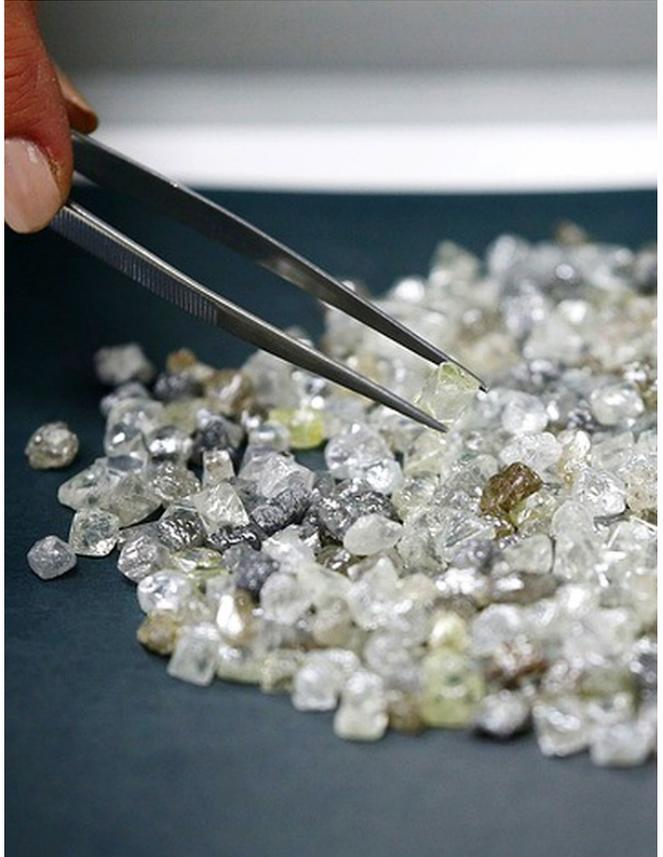


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Namibia sees sharp drops in zinc, diamond and gold production

Sharp declines in zinc, diamond and gold production pulled Namibia's mining output lower in April 2025, the Namibia Statistics Agency (NSA) has reported.

Zinc concentrate production dropped by 45.2% compared to

March, reversing a 33.6% increase recorded the previous month. The NSA also noted that zinc output was down 19.8% year-on-year.

Diamond production fell by 17.3% in April after a 16.5% increase in March, while gold bullion

Diamond production fell by 17.3% in April after a 16.5% increase in March, while gold bullion production declined by 9.8%, compared to a 6.0% rise the previous month.

the 13.4% growth recorded in March. Compared to the same month last year, the index fell by 9.0%.

Uranium was the only mineral to show growth, with production increasing by 9.7% in April, slightly higher than the 8.8% growth seen in March. Uranium output was also up 58.7% year-on-year.

The NSA pointed out

that the mining sector had made a strong recovery in March, following a 17.5% contraction in February. "The March gains were supported by stronger production in zinc concentrate, diamonds, uranium, and gold bullion," the agency said.

In March, zinc production had surged by 33.6% after a 12.0% rise in February, and was up 72.2% year-on-year.

production declined by 9.8%, compared to a 6.0% rise the previous month. On an annual basis, diamond output dropped 26.4%, but gold production was 10.5% higher than in April last year.

"Monthly decreases were driven by lower production in zinc concentrate, diamonds, and gold bullion," the NSA said.

The combined declines in these key commodities pushed the overall mining production composite index down by 11.8% month-on-month in April. This reversed

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TENDER

First date of publication: 21 May 2025

TENDER NO: DBMNE0532 GENERAL CONSUMABLES

DESCRIPTION:
Debmarine Namibia is seeking experienced service providers for the supply of general consumables on an uninterrupted base, to Debmarine Namibia Warehouse in Lüderitz.

SCOPE OF WORK:
The listed consumable items must be quoted inclusive cost of delivery/transportation to Lüderitz.

CLOSING DATE: 23 June 2025 at 12:00

REQUEST FOR ELECTRONIC TENDER DOCUMENT:
Registered businesses interested in providing such services are requested to register at **Asite Marketplace**: <https://za.marketplace.asite.com/> to obtain a tender document with reference number **DBMNE0532 GENERAL CONSUMABLES**

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Uranium, gold drive Namibia's N\$5.4 billion export revenue in April and gold production

Namibia's mining and quarrying sector generated N\$5.4 billion in export revenue in April 2025, accounting for

nearly half of the country's total exports for the month, according to the Namibia Statistics Agency (NSA).

The sector contributed

49% of total export earnings, reflecting a N\$1.2 billion increase from March 2025.

The NSA said the rise in export earnings was

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largely driven by uranium, which added N\$1.7 billion, making it Namibia's top export product for the month. Uranium accounted for 26% of total exports, with most of it destined for China.

Non-monetary gold followed with a N\$437 million increase and made up 15.4% of total exports, mainly shipped to South Africa. Fish was the third largest export, contributing 11.5%, with key markets in Spain, Zambia, and Italy.

Diamonds ranked fourth, making up 10.5% of export earnings and heading primarily to Botswana, the United Arab Emirates, and Belgium. Ores and concentrates of base metals came in fifth at 5.8%, with shipments mainly going to Brazil, South Africa, and China. Together, the top five products accounted for 69.1% of Namibia's total exports in April.

Despite improvements in export performance, Namibia still recorded a trade deficit of N\$1.9 billion in April, though this was down from N\$2.7 billion in March.

"Contrary to the deficits, encouragingly, the country recorded trade surpluses on uranium amounting to N\$2.9 billion. The second

and third places were occupied by non-monetary gold and fish, which recorded trade surpluses of N\$1.7 billion and N\$1.2 billion, respectively," the NSA said.

Petroleum oils remained the biggest contributor to the trade gap, with a deficit of N\$2.5 billion. Imports of motor vehicles for commercial purposes and motor cars for personal

use added further pressure, with deficits of N\$569 million and N\$421 million, respectively.

While April's trade shortfall narrowed, the NSA noted that the country continues to face a sustained trade imbalance. Between April 2024 and April 2025, Namibia's trade deficits averaged N\$3.2 billion per month.





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CLOSING DATE: 20 June 2025



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Namibia's TaTe Diamonds expands into U.S. market with Atlanta showroom

TaTe Diamonds, Namibia's first fully Namibian-owned diamond company, has expanded into the United States with the opening of its flagship showroom in

Atlanta.

The showroom, located in the Buckhead luxury district, marks the company's formal entry into the U.S. market.

The launch event was attended by Namibian and

international guests, with Brent Eiseb, CEO of the Namibian Diamond Trading Company (NDTC), officially cutting the ribbon.

The Namibian delegation included Dr Benethelin

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Zaaruka and Oscar Capelao, Directors at NDTC, Willy Mertens, CEO of Debmarine, Ndeulipula Hamutumwa, Deputy Chairperson of Debmarine, Alex Gawanab and Titus Ndove, Directors at Namdeb, and Tumisang Mohubu from Access Bank.

TaTe Diamonds founder and CEO, Tangeni taShi Shiimi-Ya-Shiimi, said the company offers a direct and ethical supply process that sets it apart from the global diamond industry.

“Unlike the industry standard of 15 touchpoints, our diamonds undergo only three key stages before reaching the consumer,” he said. “They are sustainably recovered from Namibia’s ocean by Debmarine and mined on land by Namdeb, then traded through NDTC, cut and polished with precision at our Windhoek facility, and internationally certified by the Gemological Institute of America (GIA). Their journey culminates in our showroom here in Atlanta.”

Shiimi-Ya-Shiimi said the company focuses on provenance, traceability, and authenticity.

“Through this transparent, ethical process, we proudly capture the essence of Namibia’s rich identity in

each piece we craft,” he said.

The showroom will offer TaTe Diamonds’ full collection, including the new EZIMO Collection, which celebrates Namibian cultural heritage and is inspired by the Oshiwambo word meaning “My People. My Clan. My Family. Our Collective.”

“Our commitment goes beyond creating exquisite jewellery; we are dedicated to ensuring that each diamond tells a powerful story of ethical sourcing, artisanal craftsmanship, and Namibian pride,” said Shiimi-Ya-Shiimi.

The company said it aims to grow its international footprint while promoting Namibian diamonds on the global luxury stage.


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TENDER

First date of publication: 23 May 2025

TENDER NO: DBMNE0534 WELDING ACCESSORIES AND GASES

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 Debmarine Namibia is seeking experienced service providers for the supply of welding accessories and gas on an uninterrupted base, to Debmarine Namibia Warehouse in Lüderitz.

SCOPE OF WORK:
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CLOSING DATE: 24 June 2025 at 12:00

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Shakwa Nyambe becomes first African president of AIEN

Shakwa Nyambe has been confirmed as President of the Association of International Energy Negotiators (AIEN), becoming the first African to lead the organisation since its establishment in 1982.

Nyambe's appointment was confirmed during the AIEN Board Meeting held in Istanbul, Türkiye.

His term will run until June 2026.

"I am profoundly honoured to serve as President of the Association of International Energy Negotiators. This historic moment reflects the strength of our global membership, and the trust placed in me to lead. I am committed to advancing AIEN's mission, promoting collaboration and driving impactful and practical solutions for the energy sector's future," Nyambe said on his appointment.

Nyambe takes on the role after serving as President-Elect from 2024 to 2025.

He has previously held key leadership positions within the organisation, including Vice



President of Communications and Regional Chapter Director for Africa.

Under his leadership, the African Regional Chapter has seen significant growth and AIEN's global footprint has continued to expand.

The AIEN, an independent, not-for-profit association headquartered in Houston, Texas, supports commercial and legal energy negotiators across the world.

The organisation is known for its widely accepted model contracts, as well as educational programmes, research publications and networking opportunities

within the energy sector. Founded within Houston's upstream oil sector, the AIEN now represents professionals in more than 110 countries across all parts of the hydrocarbon value chain.

As President, Nyambe will be responsible for steering AIEN's strategic direction, strengthening partnerships across the energy industry and enhancing the organisation's global presence.

He will also serve as Chairman of the Board of Directors, Chief Executive Officer and the official spokesperson of the association.



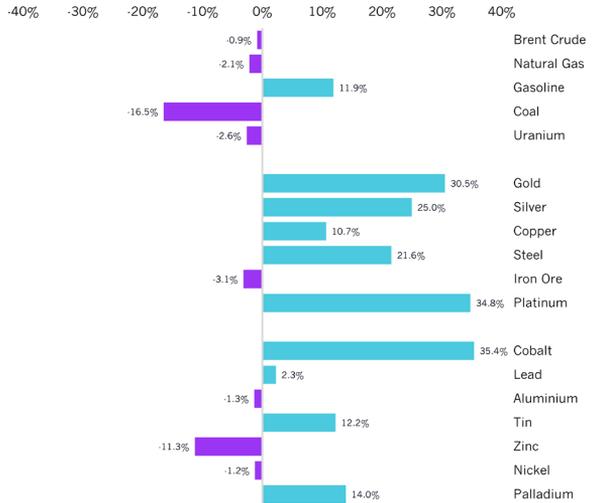
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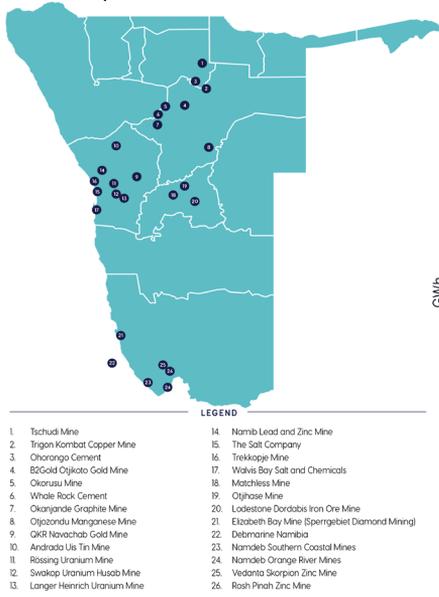
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ENERGY			
Brent Crude	73.99/bbl	11.3%	11.0%
Natural Gas	3.55/MMBtu	-6.1%	-2.5%
Gasoline	223.95/gal	7.8%	3.4%
Coal	104.6/t	-0.2%	4.9%
Uranium	69.9/lbs	-1.4%	0.7%
METALS			
Gold	3425.32/t oz	3.5%	5.4%
Silver	36.12/t oz	0.4%	9.7%
Copper	477.35/lbs	-1.5%	1.9%
Steel	862/t	-1.8%	-3.1%
Iron Ore	95.46/t	-0.7%	-3.4%
Platinum	1223.25/t oz	4.7%	23.3%
INDUSTRIAL			
Cobalt	32900.5/t	0.0%	-1.1%
Lead	1996.5/t	0.9%	1.0%
Aluminium	2517.5/t	2.7%	1.5%
Tin	32644/t	0.9%	0.2%
Zinc	2642.5/t	-0.9%	-1.4%
Nickel	15142/t	-2.2%	-3.2%
Palladium	1040.04/t oz	-1.1%	8.6%

Source: Bloomberg
*as of 16:30, 13 June '25

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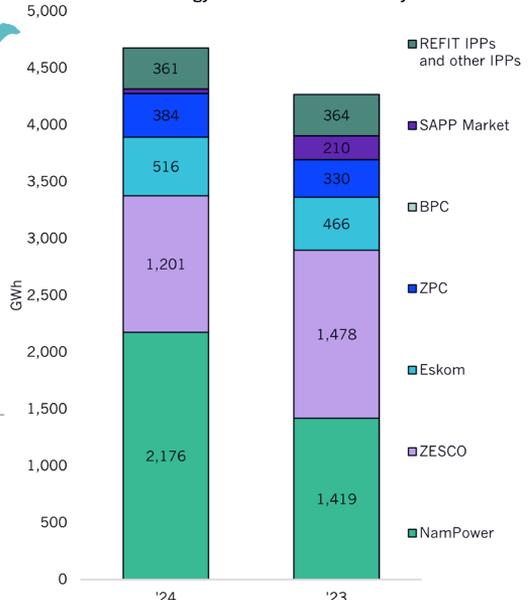


Map of Mines in Namibia



Source: Chamber of Mines of Namibia

Namibia Energy Statistics – Units into System



Source: NamPower