

Rio Tinto dazzles in Europe with its finest pink, red and yellow diamonds

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Rio Tinto's inaugural Beyond Rare™ Tender collection of rare pink, red and yellow diamonds has been showcased to an exclusive group of international connoisseurs, collectors and luxury jewellers in Geneva and Antwerp.

These rare masterpieces of nature comprise 48 lots of exceptional polished diamonds, including legacy inventory of pink and red diamonds from the Argyle diamond mine and yellow diamonds from Rio Tinto's Diavik diamond mine.

Patrick Coppens, General Manager of Sales and Marketing for Rio Tinto's diamonds business said "I am delighted to host this carefully curated collection of beautiful coloured diamonds in Geneva and Antwerp. Europe is an important destination for our diamonds and both Geneva and Antwerp have played an integral part in the market development of our coloured diamonds over the past four decades."

Titled *The Art Series*, this invitation-only event takes its inspiration from the art world, each polished diamond an extraordinary natural work of art with an esteemed provenance and a captivating story of rarity.

The first collection of *The Art Series* comprises 87 diamonds, weighing 29.96 carats in total, and includes:

- Seven 'Masterpieces' comprising sets of Argyle Pink Diamonds™ and yellow Diavik diamonds, selected for their unique beauty and accompanied by bespoke artwork
- A rarified offering of 11 perfectly matched pairs of coloured diamonds
- 30 exquisite single diamonds, including one remarkable Fancy Red Argyle diamond

The Beyond Rare™ Tender is a new format for Rio Tinto's diamonds business and the strong interest it has generated is a testimony to the ongoing demand for highly collectible natural diamonds.

Heidi Creech Business Development Manager for Rio Tinto's diamonds business said "The Beyond Rare™ Tender is an important element in Rio Tinto's ongoing commitment to the Argyle Pink Diamonds™ brand, as it continues to uphold the mesmerizing beauty of Argyle's pink and red diamonds together with their beautiful birthplace, status and mystique to ensure the brand integrity of the one true source of rare pink diamonds."

The inclusion of two Fancy Intense Yellow diamonds from Rio Tinto's Diavik diamond mine, located beneath a frozen lake in the Barren Lands of Northern Canada, is a beautiful counterpoint to the pink and red Argyle diamonds from the remote East Kimberley region of Western Australia. Yellow diamonds make up less than one percent of Diavik's production, a rarity in a diamond mine otherwise known for its highly coveted white diamond production.

Bids close for the Beyond Rare™ Tender on 20 November, 2023.

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