



Women in Exceptional Roles of the Diamond Process

At Namdeb some of the challenging positions throughout our processes are occupied by women with exceptional abilities and skills and have proven that they can inspire today, for a better tomorrow.

Accretion

My name is Kaarin Ashikoto and I am a Mining Engineer by profession. My role within the Accretion team is to perform Contract Management through its entire lifecycle and ensure that we continuously create the Namdeb future. This is achieved through the deliberate process called coastal accretion that involves the deposition of sediments westward, at specific areas and well-defined rates.

After Accretion I hand over to Tonia for stripping.



Exploration

My name is Deoné Strauss and I am a Geologist by profession. My role within the exploration team is to identify and assess the location, quantity and quality of a mineral deposit. To do this, I attend to drilling operations on site and logging the various subsurface lithologies to assist with identifying target areas, delineating a potential ore body/mineral deposit, as well as developing a geological model where applicable. My goal is to find mineable ore bodies that will assist in extending the life of mine of Namdeb.

Once I am done with exploration, I hand over to Kaarin for Accretion.



Mining - Stripping

My name is Tonia Kock and I am a Heavy Earthmoving Machine Operator. My role within the stripping team is to load and tram overburden from site for the purpose of accretion and construction of the seawall. I am part of a team that carry out operations in a safe and productive manner.

After removing the overburden, I allow Bianga to begin with the Bed-rock Cleaning.



Bedrock Cleaning

My name is Bianga Hoaes, and I am a Multi-skilled operator by profession and a Safety Rep. My role within the Bedrock team is Bulk Excavation, whereby I bulk and doze diamondiferous material using different primary and secondary bulking equipment such as PC600, PC450, PC200, PCR.

After Bedrock process, I hand over to Loading and Hauling for transportation of diamondiferous material to the treatment plant by Natalia.



Treatment

My name is Natalia Shiindi, and I am a Metallurgical Engineer by profession. My role within the treatment process is to ensure that the ore trammed to the plant is efficiently liberated and concentrated for maximum diamond recovery.

After treatment, I hand over to Hileni for the Recovery of diamonds.



Recovery

My name is Hileni Kahupi, and I am a C&I Mechanician by profession. My role within the recovery process is installation, maintenance, fault finding and repair of plant instruments, production X-ray machine and control systems equipment within the control and instrumentation (C&I).

After the recovery, I hand over to the Production team with Eviste for diamond sorting.



Sorting

My name is Eviste Shanyenge, I am a Diamond Sorter by profession, my role within the diamond Sorting process is to ensure effective and efficient sorting of diamonds with hands using a tweezer.

After the sorting process, the diamonds are then exported to NDTC in Windhoek.




Happy Women's Day