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## Mineral Exports by RCD-Goma in 2000

### Introduction

The following is a summary of gold, colombo-tantalite (coltan) and diamond exports in 2000 from territory controlled by the Rassemblement Congolais pour la Démocratie- (RCD-Goma) rebels in Eastern Congo. These figures were obtained from the RCD Department des Terres, Mines et Énergie in Goma, March 2001, with copies of the documents in the possession of IPIS. The data supplied below is an abridged version of the figures supplied by the RCD.

### Gold

1 400 394 grams worth US\$11 000 117<sup>1</sup>

Gold comptoirs were *Panju*, *Shenimed* and *Congo-Com*

*Comptoir Panju*

1 307 479.8 grams worth \$10 265 801.

*Comptoir Shenimed*

86 914.2 grams worth \$683 705.

*Comptoir Congo-Com*

6 000 grams worth \$49 911.

### Diamonds

99 015.95 carats<sup>2</sup> worth US\$7 638 220; \$78 per carat

Diamond comptoirs were *Belco-Diamant*, *N-Frères*, *Super Stars*, *Zahraa Diamond*, *Maysaa Diamond*, *Sahar Diamond*, and *Victoria Diamond*.

*Comptoir Belco-Diamant*

15 472.08 carats worth \$2 702 686; \$174 per carat.

*Comptoir N Frères*

989.57 carats worth \$37 250; \$38 per carat.

*Comptoir Super-Stars*

511.14 carats worth \$38 000; \$74 per carat.

*Comptoir Zahraa Diamond*

33 230.45 carats worth \$2 127 421; \$64 per carat.

*Comptoir Maysaa Diamond*

33 458.26 worth \$1 676 806; \$50 per carat.

*Comptoir Sahar Diamond*

15 314.45 worth \$1 050 056; \$69 per carat.

*Comptoir Victoria Diamond*

40 carats worth \$6000; \$150 per carat.

**Coltan** (until October 31, 2000)

445 255 kilograms worth US\$3 530 975.6 of columbo-tantalite exported by RCD licensed comptoirs. Note, however, that the RCD movement valued the exported coltan at \$6 678 825, leaving a deficit of \$3 148 449.4 between the declared value and the estimated value. A 5% tax on the difference was demanded of the comptoirs but only \$69 000 of the \$157 000 was paid.

Coltan comptoirs (before SOMIGL) were *Ntale*, *Mbanzabugabo*, *Socomi*, *Singoma-Mwanza-Shenimed*, *MDM*, *Muyeye*, *Sogermi-Congo*, *Vanga-Entreprise*, *Kaferege*, *Hitimana* (litigiueux), *EFP/Business* (litigiueux).

*Comptoir Ntale*

26 100 Kgs valued at \$92 400, estimated by RDC to have a value of \$391 500.

*Comptoir Mbanzabugabo*

14 000 Kgs valued at \$97 800, estimated by RDC to have a value of \$210 000.

*Comptoir Socomi*

165 000 Kgs valued at \$1 320 000, estimated by RDC to have a value of \$2 475 000.

*Comptoir Singoma-Mwanza-Shenimed*

49 000 Kgs valued at \$579 000, estimated by RDC to have a value of \$735 000.

*Comptoir MDM*

41 147 Kgs valued at \$394 457, estimated by RDC to have a value of \$617 205.

*Comptoir Muyeye*

120 176 Kgs valued at \$786 110.1, estimated by RDC to have a value of \$1 802 640.

*Comptoir Sogermi-Congo*

12 968 Kgs valued at \$125 210.5, estimated by RDC to have a value of \$194 520.

*Comptoir Vanga-Entreprise*

1 000 Kgs valued at \$9 450, estimated by RDC to have a value of \$15 000.

*Comptoir Hitimana*

5 364 Kgs valued at \$37 548, estimated by RDC to have a value of \$80 460.

*Comptoir EFP/ Business*

1 500 Kgs valued at \$12 000, estimated by RDC to have a value of \$22 500.

*Comptoir Kaferege*

9 000 Kgs valued at \$77 000, estimated by RDC to have a value of \$135 000.

According to a representative of the Société Minière des Grands Lacs (SOMIGL), this coltan monopoly instituted in November 2000 exported 112 tons of coltan in December, 96 tons in January 2001, and 27 tons in February. The monopoly was suspended at the end of March 2001.

## **Conclusion**

A discussion of the trade in coltan and diamonds in eastern Congo will be released shortly.

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<sup>1</sup> The listed USD total is slightly higher than the sum of the value of the gold exported by the comptoirs which is 10 999 417 USD.

<sup>2</sup> Note that this carat volume is derived from the sum of all registered exports from February to December 2000. The RCD document cites a total of only 9 000 carats despite listing exports by company and month, which has a total volume of 99 000 carats instead.