

De Beers donates the Legendary Sky Diamond

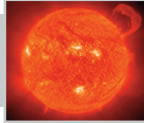
A brief history of diamonds

14 billion
years ago



The Big Bang

5 billion
years ago



Birth of the sun and our solar system

4.2 billion
years ago



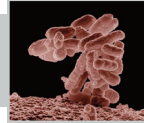
Diamonds form deep within the Earth

3.8 billion
years ago



Earth cools and develops an atmosphere

3.5 billion
years ago



First life on Earth (bacteria)

200 million
years ago



Dinosaurs roam the Earth

100,000
years ago



First homo sapiens appear on Earth

1 year ago



First diamonds mined at Snap Lake Mine

Present day



TLS diamond from Snap Lake goes into space

A diamond's journey [not to scale]

1. Point of origin

De Beers Canada Snap Lake Mine
[63° 34' 30" latitude and 110° 52' 00" longitude]

2. Snap Lake Mine to Yellowknife to value the diamond for export [220 km]

Legendary Sky Diamond details:

- » 2.89 carats
- » Rough diamond
- » Canadian diamond from Snap Lake Mine in the NWT



4. Selected in London and sent to Gem Labs in Toronto to be laser-etched with the Space Shuttle mission number (STS-127) and donated to Astronomy North [4,996 km]

6. Montreal to Houston and delivered to NASA for the Official Flight Kit [3,132 km]

5. Toronto to Montreal and delivered to the Canadian Space Agency (CSA) [541 km]

7. Houston to the Kennedy Space Center in Florida for launch [1,600 km]

3. Yellowknife to the Diamond Trading Company (DTC) in London, UK, for sorting [10,724 km]

The **Legendary Sky Diamond** has already travelled thousands of kilometers just to get on the Space Shuttle *Endeavour*! Once delivered back to Earth, the diamond will come to rest at the *Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre* in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories.

De Beers Canada and The International Year of Astronomy

- » Official sponsor of the Astronomy North Society
- » Proud sponsor of the Legendary Sky Contest, with winners being declared in May 2009
- » Proud sponsor of the Legendary Sky Exhibit at the *Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre*, of which The Legendary Sky Diamond will be a part
- » Proud to donate the diamond that will fly as a symbol of northern sky education and outreach, sharing the story of diamonds on Earth and elsewhere in the universe
- » Proud supporter of THEMIS research project at Snap Lake



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