ANNOUNCEMENT

FOURTH INTERNATIONAL KIMBERLITE CONFERENCE PERTH. WESTERN AUSTRALIA

11-15 August, 1986

The conference will continue the tradition established by the three preceding International Kimberlite Conferences, in providing a forum for the presentation and discussion of papers on kimberlites and closely related rocks. Topics for discussion will include their occurrence, mantle source, genesis, mineralogy, diamond content and exploration.

Programme Structure

I. WHAT ARE WE CONCERNED WITH?

Descriptive lithology, mineralogy, petrology and geochemistry of kimberlites and closely related rocks and their constituent minerals—excluding xenoliths and xenocrysts.

II. WHEN AND WHERE DO THEY OCCUR?

Their distribution in geologic space and time; their tectonic setting and regional occurrence; possible causes of observed distribution patterns.

III. HOW DO THEY FORM?

Upper mantle processes, magma genesis, ascent and eruption.

IV. WHAT IS THE NATURE OF THE UPPER MANTLE AND LOWER CRUST? Descriptive lithology, mineralogy, petrology and geochemistry of xenoliths and xenocrysts; physical and chemical conditions within the upper mantle and lower crust.

V. DIAMONDS

All aspects of diamond research, including inclusions in diamonds. Contributions relating to diamonds may also be included in other sections if more appropriate.

VI. DIAMOND EXPLORATION

Exploration for primary and alluvial deposits of diamonds, including: concepts, exploration technology, evaluation procedures and case histories.

VII. WHAT DON'T WE KNOW AND WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

Gaps in our knowledge and future directions in kimberlite research.

Those who plan to present papers should contact:

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