

Mumbai Diamond Market Optimistic After Diwali Break

There is considerable optimism in the Mumbai diamond market as diamond jewellery performed very well during the Diwali festival sales period and the market now looks forward to a good marriage season to follow on. Demand is good and production is still low, resulting in firm prices.

Over the last one year, domestic demand has grown steadily until now, it accounts for a substantial portion of Indian diamond production. While there are no official figures, estimates place domestic demand as now accounting for well in excess of a quarter of Indian production. What is more significant is the fact that the Indian market now absorbs even lower clarities and colours, which previously could only be sold in the US market.

The fluctuating rupee-dollar rate has had slowed domestic diamond transactions in certified stones somewhat.

Market data as of 25/10/09

SIZE / CTS. (SIEVE)	Current Demand	Demand In 2 Weeks	Current Availability	Availability In 2 Weeks	Price Change In 2 Weeks	Comments
-0.01 (-2)	GOOD	↑	SHORTAGE	↔	↔	Good demand for \$100- \$350 whites.
-0.02 (+2-6.5)	FAIR	↑	SHORTAGE	↔	↔	Fair demand for \$100-\$350 whites.
0.03-0.07 (+6.5-11)	GOOD	↑	SHORTAGE	↔	↔	Good demand for +\$100 whites.
0.08-0.14 (+11-14)	FAIR	↑	SHORTAGE	↔	↔	Fair demand for + \$300 whites.
0.15-0.17 (+14-15.5)	FAIR	↑	SHORTAGE	↔	↔	Fair demand for + \$350 whites.
0.18-0.22	FAIR	↑	FAIR	↔	↔	Fair demand for + \$650 whites.
0.23-0.29	FAIR	↑	FAIR	↔	↔	Fair demand for +\$750 whites.
0.30	FAIR	↑	SHORTAGE	↔	↔	Fair demand for I2/I3/J+.
0.50	FAIR	↑	SHORTAGE	↔	↔	Fair demand for I1+/I+.
0.75	FAIR	↑	SHORTAGE	↔	↔	Fair demand for I2-I3/ I+.
1.00	GOOD	↑	SHORTAGE	↔	↔	Good demand for I1+ / K+.

2.00	FAIR	↑	SHORTAGE	↔	↔	Fair demand for VS2+/ J+.
+3.00	FAIR	↑	FAIR	↔	↔	Fair demand for 3.00cts VS2+/ J+.

Key: ↑ ↔ ↓ Indicates change in status (increase, no change, decrease). Colored arrows indicate whether the change (or none) means goods will be easily **Available**, in **Fair** availability, or in **Shortage**.