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Many of the world's most notable diamonds have a history that has become the stuff of legends. Curses, thefts, royalty intrigues, and being found by the most unlikely people in the most unlikely ways. The Incomparable Diamond is no different; found in the democratic republic of Congo (formerly Zaire) by a young girl in the 1980s as she was playing on a pile of rubble outside her uncle's house; the stone a total weight of 890 carats in its rough state.

Before cutting the diamond underwent 4 years of scrutiny by one of the world's top cutters of large stones to determine how to cut this diamond. After some initial polishing, the inner part of the stone was found to be virtually free of inclusions. During the second year of cutting the stone, arguments ensued over whether or not it was better to have a few flaws in the stone and gain the record of having the largest polished stone (larger than the (Cullinan 1) or to fashion a smaller flawless gem.

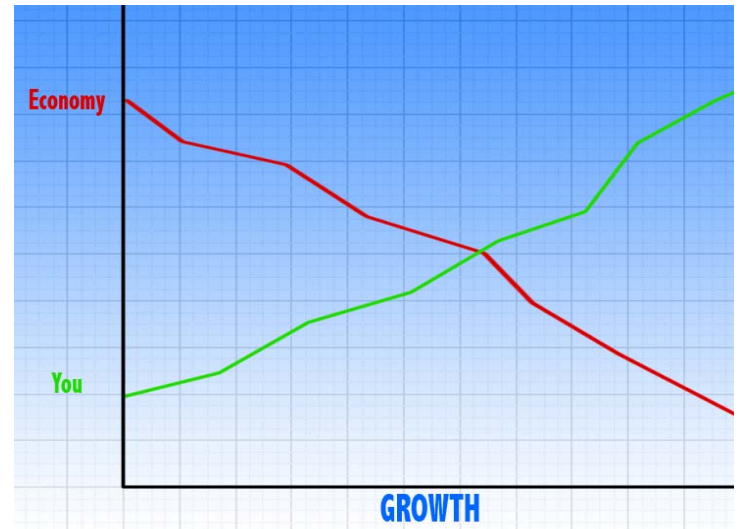
Eventually it was decided not to aim for size and the 407.48 carat internally flawless fancy medium yellow brown Triolette became the third largest diamond in the world. This is also the largest diamond to ever be offered for sale to the public, making an appearance on eBay with the opening bid being set at 15 million. So **it also has the distinction of being the largest stone to be placed for bids on eBay.**

To find out more about this interesting stone and many others diamonds and their history Visit the **Royal Ontario Museum in their exhibition The Nature of Diamonds** until March 22nd of 2009.

Opportunity in Recession

For most people out there the economic downturn can be a scary thing. The frequency with which the word recession is being thrown about the media, the shakiness of job security and the economical pundits promising that this will not end for a few years to come adds to the apprehensions and the state of stress is overwhelming for most. For those who don't panic and come up with a solid plan B, ***the economic woes of many may be the cause of their financial growth.***

Why is this true? It is because there are some people out there who are not going to panic they will ***assess what it is that the people around them truly need then find a way to provide it.*** This person can be you! During recessions Entrepreneurship, home based businesses and other Business Opportunities always grow. The reason for this is that more people are looking to make more money and they want to be self reliant and in control of how they make their money. As an IDT and burgeoning team leader, you can provide solutions; support and team work to those who are looking for more than low wage jobs to hold them over while the economic tsunami subsides.



If there ever was a time to start building a new team or reinvigorate team members who have taken the wait-and-see approach to the business; ***this is your time to become successful and ensure your financial security.*** Don't let dire predictions and dooms day vocabulary of the masses deter you from your goals. Your chance to become financially wealthy is still within reach.

Changes can be Infectious

Change can be infectious and when it's positive it can really make the lives of everyone better. Over the last couple of months I have observed a lot of things coming from change both big and small; America has made history yet again with their historical election, I have witnessed the best Grammy and Oscar awards shows I have seen since forever and despite all the bad news I hear about environment and economy most people I have talked to are very optimistic that a positive change can be made. **The same can be said for our IDTs and company.**

For those who have not heard the news yet, CDT has been doing more research and development on our brand. We have talked to many IDTs, clients, staff members and Directors to assess what the company has been doing wrong, what we have been doing right, what needs to change and what needs to stay the same. Some of the issues that arose were surprising and some matters were already on our To Do list. **Overall, what we learned was that our communication, though it has improved, still has a ways to go.** We also learned that although we are a global company there are some issues that we will just have to learn how to deal with regionally.

As a result of all the honest feedback we received from those that participated in our research **CDT will be implementing better training, solutions finding and communication techniques internally and externally.** We thank all of you for your patience and support as we work to give you what you want and need. Special thanks go to the following people whose brutal honesty and insight will help us to move this company towards a flourishing future.

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