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NT to sparkle on World Diamond Stage

The Northern Territory’s potential for diamond exploration will be put on the global stage at the World Diamond Conference in Perth next week.

"The Northern Territory runs across one of the most prospective diamond exploration regions in the world, and the Martin Government is working to make sure Territorians benefit from this potential," Resource Development Minister Paul Henderson said.

"In an Australian first, the Department of Business, Industry and Resource Development (DBIRD), has released Australia’s first publicly available diamond exploration databases.

"More than 58,000 samples from across the Territory are stored on the Diamond Indicator Mineral and Diamond Mineral Chemistry databases, making them a powerful early-stage exploration targeting tool – and these databases will be actively promoted at the conference."

Mr Henderson said the Martin Government, through DBIRD, was also working with the Co-operative Research Centre (CRC) for Landscape Environments and Mineral Exploration, to map and characterise broad regions of the Territory of interest to potential diamond explorers.

"Australia’s largest diamond was discovered at the Merlin Mine, and the Daly River-Port Keats region represents some of the most prospective diamond exploration country in Australia," said Mr Henderson.

"The potential for more diamonds is there, and the Martin Government will continue to work with the mining industry to see this potential developed."