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Boom in Namibia for the production of diamonds in the first five months of the year.

On May 31 national and foreign companies have extracted a total of 580,000 carats, more than 'half' of the entire production of 2009 (930mila carats) and more than double the same period last year (+102 percent).

Particularly positive assessment of the first quarter of 2010 with a production of nearly 300 thousand carats, an increase of 138 percent over the first three months of 2009.

"If the pattern until May should remain unchanged for the rest of the year, experts say Namibians," will close with a production of 1.4 million carats, up 50 percent in 2009 and the entire close to record levels in 2007.

Also increased the sales of diamonds and royalties collected from the extraction in the first three months of 2010, an increase in the latter of 169 per cent over the same period last year.