

Rhodesia

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Rhodesia. The Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland, an African country consisting of Northern and Southern Rhodesia and Nyasaland, has been an insignificant producer of diamonds for many years. In 1908, it was prospected carefully for diamonds and for a time a few hundred carats were found yearly, but none of the deposits ever proved payable and the search was abandoned. Infrequent organized prospecting ventures since 1908 have been no more successful. In 1955, however, De Beers Consolidated Mines, Ltd., re-newed its interest in this country and organized De Beers Prospecting (Rhodesian Areas), Ltd., to undertake further exploratory work in Northern Rhodesia. The diamond deposits are known as the Somabula field, and are located near Gwelo