

## Lobaye Loffa River LIBERIA.

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Lobaye. A minor diamond-mining area in the Central African Republic. Loffa River. The site of the discovery of an alluvial diamond deposit in 1955 in Liberia, West Africa. See LIBERIA. L'office Forestiere et Miniere du Congo. (FORMINIERE). One of the principal diamond-mining companies in the former Congo Republic, now in the Republic of Zaire. Recent production has been approximately 400,000 carats annually. See REPUBLIC OF ZAIRE. London. The name of a minor alluvial diamond deposit in the Schweizer Reneke area, Transvaal Province, Republic of South Africa. The yearly production from this deposit is insignificant. long hexagon cut. A modification of the hexagon cut, the shape of which is produced by increasing the length

Long hexagon cut of one of the three pairs of sides. It resembles a baguette with two pointed ends. Longlands. A minor alluvial diamond deposit in the Barkly West area, Cape Province, Republic of South Africa. The total production in one recent year was 326 carats. lonsdaleite. A hexagonal allotrope (polymorph) of diamond which has been found in meteorites and synthesized from graphite in the laboratory by shock conversion. It is classified as a Type III diamond.

loopkring. A Dutch word that refers to the inner section of the polishing lap, or scaife. It is on this part of the lap that the facets of a diamond are cut, or placed. Polishing and the removal of cutting marks is accomplished on the outer section of the wheel, called the zoetkring. See LAP. loose goods. Polished but un-mounted diamonds. See goods. lot. (1) A group of rough diamonds offered for sale by the Diamond Trading Co. to firms invited to view its sights. A lot usually includes a wide variety of material. (See sights.) (2) Also applied by diamond merchants to their groupings of these diamonds according to color, make, and

comparative freedom from imperfections after fashioning. (3) Lots can also be composed of polished stones.