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DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A STRATEGY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF NIGERIA'S GEMSTONE AND JEWELLERY INDUSTRY PROJECT for the Ministry of Mines and Steel Development, Nigeria (MINDIVER/QCBS/CS/053-18)

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Projekt-Consult (lead) in cooperation with the Department of Gemstone and Jewellery Design, Campus Idar-Oberstein, Trier University of Applied Sciences, Germany, and the Gemological Institute of Nigeria, Abuja, Nigeria are implementing the project.

The project is strongly focussed on two objectives:

- 1. The design and implementation of a strategy for developing Nigeria's gemstone and jewellery industry**
- 2. The development of a skilled workforce in design and jewellery making**

Leading up to developing a national gemstone sector strategy, the Project will investigate the Nigerian gemstone industry and opportunities of energizing the market for locally produced gemstones and jewellery. Bridging the gap between local gemstone miners and jewellers, the Project will develop and promote creative African gem and jewellery designs made with modern jewellery-making techniques that can be easily shared with local artisans and craft shops.

In parallel with strategy development, the project team of experts will train Nigerian master trainers in modern jewellery-making techniques and fusion designs learning from the long tradition of jewellery-making in Nigeria.

Under the Project, a fully equipped gemmological laboratory and a jewellery-making workshop are being set up on the premises of the ACCI Best Centre, Abuja Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Abuja.

Instead of rough stones being exported abroad and turned into jewellery pieces of modern, but non-descriptive design, the Project is emphasizing value addition in Nigeria and will help encourage Nigerian artisans and craftspeople to utilize locally produced stones and create appealing African jewellery reflecting its ethnological and cultural roots.

Training a nucleus of master trainers and working with local miners, traders, and jewellery makers, the Project is striving to be a game-changer in the Nigerian gemstone sector so as to create sustainable value for Nigerian people.

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