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41 enthusiastic young learners and aspiring professionals visited De Beers, Venetia Mine on Tuesday, 5 July as part of the Bring a Child to Work initiative. Learners were each allocated a mentor related to their chosen field of study and spent the day learning about the mining industry and related career paths.

Learners in attendance were made up of Grade 11 and 12 students from surrounding schools in the mine's labour sending areas of Musina and Blouberg, many of whose parents are employed at Venetia Mine. Senior Commercial Manager, Dinesh Bhana spent some time motivating learners to actively pursue a higher education and to do what it takes to follow their dreams. Learners interested in the field of Metallurgical Engineering were thrilled to be given the chance to touch a real-life diamond. Geoffrey Madzonga, son of Donald Madzonga (Senior Engineering Operative) had the following to say after his visit, *"Today has been life-changing and has taught me determination. I can't wait to come back here and work as a Mechanical Engineer after my studies."*

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