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## DIAMONDSCAN

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### Domestic Demand Helps Market Hang On

The Mumbai diamond market is today, surviving virtually on domestic demand alone – which though reduced from a few months ago, is still reasonably strong enough to keep things ticking. There is practically no activity in the export sector.

There have been several financial failures in the Indian market, most of them small, following close on the heels of the big-ticket failures overseas. The Indian market is, however, nervously braced for some big failures of its own, which most observers say are inevitable, considering the ongoing failures abroad. Almost all the failed overseas companies owe money to Indian firms.

As no new production has come onto the market, the decline in polished prices has slowed considerably. No sizeable quantities of new production are expected before March.

#### Market data as of 25/01/09

SIZE / CTS. (SIEVE )	Current Demand	Demand In 2 Weeks	Current Availability	Availability In 2 Weeks	Price Change In 2 Weeks	Comments
-0.01 (-2)	FAIR	↔	FAIR	↔	↓ 2-3%	Fair demand for +\$300 whites. Most required sieve is -0.
-0.02 (+2-6.5)	FAIR	↔	FAIR	↔	↓ 2-3%	Fair demand for + \$350 whites & \$100-\$150 TTLB & \$300-\$400 TTLC.
0.03-0.07 (+6.5-11)	FAIR	↔	FAIR	↔	↓ 2-3%	Fair demand for +\$400 whites & \$100-\$200 TTLB & \$300-\$400 TTLC. Most required sieve is +8.
0.08-0.14 (+11-14)	FAIR	↔	FAIR	↔	↓ 2-3%	Fair demand for + \$650 whites & \$150-250 TTLB & \$450-\$500 TTLC.
0.15-0.17 (+14-15.5)	FAIR	↔	FAIR	↔	↓ 2-3%	Fair demand for + \$800whites.
0.18-0.22	FAIR	↔	FAIR	↔	↓ 4-5%	Fair demand for + \$850 whites.
0.23-0.29	FAIR	↔	FAIR	↔	↓ 4-5%	Fair demand for +\$1000 whites.
0.30	FAIR	↔	FAIR	↔	↓ 5-6%	Fair demand for VS2+/I+ whites.

0.50	FAIR	↔	FAIR	↔	↓ 5-6%	Fair demand for VS2+/J+.
0.75	FAIR	↔	FAIR	↔	↓ 5-6%	Fair demand for +0.80 cts VS2+ / J+.
1.00	FAIR	↔	FAIR	↔	↓ 5-7%	Fair demand for VS2+/ K+ & \$500-\$1000 whites.
2.00	FAIR	↔	FAIR	↔	↓ 6-8%	Fair demand for VS2+/ J+.
+3.00	FAIR	↔	FAIR	↔	↓ 8-10%	Fair demand for VS2+/ J+.

Key: ↑ ↔ ↓ Indicates change in status (increase, no change, decrease). Colored arrows indicate whether the change (or none) means goods will be easily **Available**, in **Fair** availability, or in **Shortage**.