

**ORGANIZATION NAME:** IMSTS

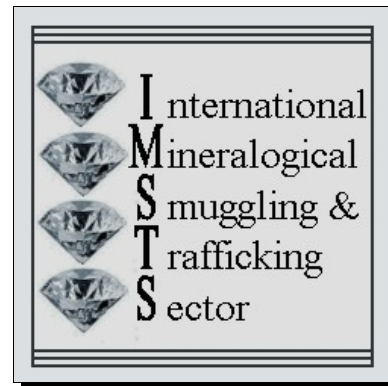
**ORGANIZATION TYPE:** Mineral Anti-Trafficking Sector

**ORGANIZATION FOUNDED DATE:** 10/2/2001

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**ORGANIZATION BACKGROUND:** \_\_\_\_\_

The IMSTS or International Mineralogical Smuggling and Trafficking Sector, was first founded to help protect the illegal importation of diamonds into the United States. Funded by small appropriation bills, the program has grown extensively over time and has decreased illegal diamond smuggling by thirty percent in the first two years of existence. Added funding was later distributed to the program in which the responsibility of the program grew to include anti-trafficking of expensive and exclusive natural minerals. The IMSTS is one of five sectors of a broader export/import securities division of the United States that protects its borders from the illegal smuggling of unique materials. After the fifth year of its inception, this sector is the highest funded program of the five security sectors in which its performance has surpassed all expectations. Richard Patterson has been the IMSTS Director of Operations for the past four years and has overseen all operations of anti-trafficking procedures. Due to its rapid success of thwarting illegal smuggling, the program has acquired many foreign and domestic adversaries over the years. Most of the program's focus on smuggling has been concentrated in the areas of Australia, Europe and the South African region of Africa. The IMSTS sector uses various resources at its disposal to combat smuggling, including taxes and tariffs, boycotts and embargos, and shipping seizures and raids by lethal force. The program employs many armed soldiers, equipped with the latest weaponry and defensive capabilities, to ensure that their goals are met. For a fairly new Senatorial program to the United States, the IMSTS is likely to be around for a long time.

