

Lucara Diamond Expands Innovative XRT Technology

VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA--(Marketwired - Aug. 23, 2016) - Lucara Diamond Corp. (TSX:LUC) (BOTSWANA:LUC)(NASDAQ OMX Stockholm:LUC) ("Lucara" or the "Company") is pleased to announce that the Company will be installing more of the highly successful XRT technology to process finer size fractions at its Karowe mine in Botswana.

The project, through the installation of four new XRT diamond recovery units and the associated conveying and screening infrastructure, will target the recovery of diamonds in the size range between 4mm and 8mm. The XRT technology, which is already in use at the Karowe mine will address processing of the very dense high quality south lobe ore at depth and will result in the most efficient and cost effective processing methodology for processing this ore. The project is forecast to cost up to \$30 million and is expected to be completed in Q4 2017.

William Lamb, President and Chief Executive Officer commented, "Lucara continues to lead the way in the adoption of new technology to streamline the diamond recovery process with the XRT technology being a proven success for diamond recovery at the Company's Karowe mine. The extension of XRT technology to recover the majority of our diamonds at Karowe maximizes our overall processing efficiency and will contribute to continued strong operating margins across the entire value range for our high quality south lobe diamonds. In addition, the implementation of the new sorters will allow for improved control of the size fractions treated by the XRT machines allowing for improved flexibility and an expected improvement in production rates."

On behalf of the Board,

William Lamb
President and CEO

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About Lucara

Lucara is a well positioned diamond producer. The Company has an experienced board and management team with extensive diamond development and operations expertise. The Company's main producing asset is the 100% owned Karowe Mine in Botswana. The Company also conducts exploration activities and holds two precious stone prospecting licenses close to its Karowe mine.

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Forward looking statements are based on the opinions and estimates of management as of the date such statements are made, and they are subject to a number of known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors which may cause the actual results, performance or achievements of the Company to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievement expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. The Company believes that expectations reflected in this forward-looking information are reasonable but no assurance can be given that these expectations will prove to be correct and such forward-looking information included herein should not be unduly relied upon. In particular, this release may contain forward looking information pertaining to the following: the estimates of the Company's mineral reserves and resources; estimates of the Company's production and sales volumes for the Karowe Mine; estimated costs for

capital expenditures related to the Karowe Mine, start-up, exploration and development plans and objectives, production costs, exploration and development expenditures and reclamation costs; expectation of diamond price and changes to foreign currency exchange rate; expectations regarding the need to raise capital; possible impacts of disputes or litigation and other risks and uncertainties describe under "Risks and Uncertainties" as disclosed in the Company's most recent Annual Information Form.

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