

Lucara Names 1,111 Carat Diamond Lesedi La Rona

VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA--(Marketwired - Feb. 9, 2016) - (TSX:LUC)(BOTSWANA:LUC)(NASDAQ OMX Stockholm:LUC) Lucara Diamond Corp. ("Lucara" or the "Company") is pleased to announce the winning name for the 1,111 carat gem quality diamond recovered in November, 2015. The diamond has been named "Lesedi La Rona" which means Our Light. The winner of the competition is Thembanani Moitlhobogi who will receive a prize of 25,000 Pula.

On January 18, 2016 the Company launched a competition to name this spectacular Type IIa diamond, the biggest diamond ever recovered in Botswana and the second largest ever found in the world. The competition was open to all Botswana citizens including the Company's Botswana employees. Entrants were invited to submit their suggested name and their rationale for their choice. More than 11,000 entries were received. To ensure transparency and independence during the name selection process, the audit firm of Ernst & Young were retained to oversee the competition. The judging panel consisted of a total of five executives from both Lucara and the Karowe mine. Entries were submitted to the judging panel on an anonymous basis with Ernst & Young retrieving the winner's name after the panel had selected the winning name for the diamond.

William Lamb, CEO and President commented, "The outpouring of pride and patriotism shown by all the participants in the contest was incredible. The diamond industry has played a vital role in the country's development, allowing for significant and ongoing investment in world-class healthcare, education and infrastructure. "Lesedi La Rona" symbolizes the pride and history of the people of Botswana."

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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