

Lucara Recovers 239 Carat Diamond

VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA--(Marketwire - March 18, 2013) - Lucara Diamond Corp. (TSX:LUC) (BOTSWANA:LUC)(NASDAQ OMX First North:LUC) is very pleased to announce the recovery of a 239.2 carat diamond from its Karowe Mine in Botswana. In addition to the recovery of this exceptional gem, two more large stones weighing 124.0 carats and 71.1 carats have also been recovered.

The diamonds were recovered from the central kimberlite domain which has only recently become ore feed to the plant as the pit expands towards the south.

The diamonds will be sent to Antwerp to be studied prior to being sold later in the year.

William Lamb, President and CEO commented, "The recovery of these large stones is hugely significant to both Lucara and Botswana. To the best of my knowledge, the 239 carat stone is one of the largest diamonds ever to have been recovered from the highly prolific Orapa kimberlite field in over 40 years of production. The recovery of a diamond of this size, the confirmed population of blue diamonds, and the strong operational performance in our first few quarters of operation demonstrate the quality of the assets as well as the competence of the operations team."

Pictures of the this magnificent stone are available at <http://media3.marketwire.com/docs/luc318i.pdf> and also on the Company's website www.lucaradiamond.com.

About Lucara

Lucara is a well positioned new diamond producer. The Company has an experienced board and management team with extensive diamond development and operations expertise. The Company's two key assets are the Karowe Mine in Botswana and the Mothae Project in Lesotho. The 100% owned Karowe Mine is in production. The 75% owned Mothae Project has completed its trial mining program.

Qualified Person

Mr. Anthony George, P. Eng., a mining engineer and Lucara's V.P. Development, is the Company's Qualified Person pursuant to NI 43-101 and has reviewed the technical contents of this news release.

On Behalf of the Board,

William Lamb, President and CEO

Lucara's Certified Advisor on NASDAQ OMX First North is Pareto Öhman AB.

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