

Lucara Announces \$60 Million Private Placement

VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA--(Marketwire - Jan. 19, 2011) - Lucara Diamond Corp. ("Lucara" or the "Company") (TSX VENTURE:LUC) announces that subject to regulatory approval, it will carry out a non-brokered private placement of up to an aggregate of 60 million common shares of the Company at a price of \$1.00 per share.

A finder's fee of up to 5% in cash may be payable on a portion of the gross proceeds of the private placement.

Net proceeds of the private placement will be used towards the development of Lucara's AK6 diamond mine in Botswana and its Mothae diamond mine in Lesotho as well as for general working capital purposes. The common shares issued pursuant to the private placement will be subject to a 4 month hold period.

Lucara is a well positioned emerging new diamond producer. The Company has an experienced board and management team with years of diamond development expertise. The Company's two key assets are the AK6 diamond mine in Botswana and the Mothae diamond mine in Lesotho. The 100% owned AK6 project is in the construction stage with mine commissioning scheduled to commence in the fourth quarter of 2011. The 75% owned Mothae mine is currently in the trial mining stage. Both Mothae and AK6 are world class assets with tonnage and throughput upside; diamond values from both could significantly increase with the continued recovery of Type IIA and large stones.

On Behalf of the Board,

William Lamb, President and CEO

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