Lucara Diamond

LUCARA SUCCESSFULLY PLACES US$350.0 MILLION BOND

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VANCOUVER, BC, March 12, 2026 /CNW/ (TSX: LUC) (BSE: LUC) (Nasdaq FNGM: LUC)

Lucara Diamond Corp. ("Lucara" or the "Company") announces that it has successfully completed a private placement of US$350.0 million of senior secured bonds. The bonds will have a tenor of five years and will have a fixed coupon rate of 12.5 percent per annum, with interest payable in quarterly instalments. All amounts are in U.S. dollars unless otherwise noted. References to "C$" are to Canadian dollars. PDF Version

Settlement of the bonds is expected to occur on or around March 27, 2026, subject to the satisfaction of customary conditions precedent. Net proceeds from the bond issue will be used to repay Lucara's existing US$220.0 million senior secured project finance debt package, funding of two years of interest on the bonds on a dedicated debt service retention account, and the residual costs related to the underground project at the Karowe mine (the "UGP" or the "Underground Project"). The Company intends to make an application to list the bonds on the Oslo Alternative Bond Market.

Completing the US$350.0 million bond financing, along with the C$165.0 million raised in its equity offering in January 2026 (see January 29, 2026 news release), provides Lucara with sufficient access to capital to incur the US$779.2 million capital cost of the UGP, of which US$469.4 million has been incurred as at December 31, 2025 as contemplated in the Company's updated Feasibility Study prepared in accordance with National Instrument 43-101 and filed on January 30, 2026. Following closing of the bond financing, the Company expects to have sufficient funding to complete the UGP without further financing, provided the project moves forward on schedule and the Company is able to meet its production and revenue forecast.

William Lamb, President and CEO of Lucara comments: "Following our upsized and highly successful equity private placement in January, we are very pleased to announce the completion of this bond issuance marking the completion of the final step in securing the full financing package for the Karowe Underground Project. The bond issue attracted strong interest from a broad range of international investors reflecting continued confidence in the exceptional quality of the Karowe mine and its long-term value potential. With the project now fully financed, we can focus all our efforts on executing the remaining development work and advancing Karowe toward a new phase of sustainable, high-value diamond production."

Nemesia S.a.r.l., a private entity controlled by the trusts settled by the late Adolph Lundin (the Lundin Family Trust), was allocated US$30.0 million in the bond financing.

Clarksons Securities AS and Pareto Securities AS acted as Joint Bookrunners in connection with the bond placement.

On behalf of the Board,

William Lamb
President and Chief Executive Officer

ABOUT LUCARA

Lucara is a leading independent producer of large exceptional quality Type IIa diamonds from its 100% owned Karowe Diamond Mine in Botswana. The Karowe Mine has been in production since 2012 and is the focus of the Company's operations and development activities. Karowe is transitioning from open pit to underground mining with the development of the UGP. The UGP is designed to access the highest value portion of the Karowe orebody. Underground development ore from the UGP is scheduled to begin offsetting stockpiles in 2027, with full-scale underground production planned for the first half of 2028.

Lucara has an experienced board and management team with extensive diamond development and operations expertise. Lucara and its subsidiaries operate transparently and in accordance with international best practices in the areas of sustainability, health and safety, environment, and community relations. Lucara is certified by the Responsible Jewellery Council, complies with the Kimberley Process, and has adopted the IFC Performance Standards and the World Bank Group's Environmental, Health and Safety Guidelines for Mining. The development of the UGP adheres to the Equator Principles. Lucara is committed to upholding high standards while striving to deliver long-term economic benefits to Botswana and the communities in which the Company operates.

The information in this release is subject to the disclosure requirements of Lucara pursuant to the EU Market Abuse Regulation. The Company's certified adviser on the Nasdaq First North Growth Market is Bergs Securities AB, ca@bergssecurities.se, +46 739 49 62 50. This information was submitted for publication, through the agency of the contact person set out above, on March 12, 2026, at 2:00pm Pacific Time.

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Forward-looking information and statements are based on the opinions and estimates of management as of the date such statements are made, and they are subject to several 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 due to a variety of risks, uncertainties, and other factors, including, without limitation, those referred to in this news release. The foregoing is not exhaustive of the factors that may affect any of our 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. Certain risks which could impact the Company are discussed under the heading "Risks and Uncertainties" in the Company's MD&A and in the Company's most recent AIF available at SEDAR+ at www.sedarplus.ca.

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