

Lucara Recovers More Exceptionally Rare Blue Diamonds

VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA--(Marketwire - Jan. 7, 2013) - Lucara Diamond Corp. (TSX:LUC) (BOTSWANA:LUC)(NASDAQ OMX First North:LUC) is pleased to report the recovery of an additional two rare blue diamonds from its Karowe Mine in Botswana.

The larger of the two diamonds recovered has a weight of 4.77 carats with the smaller diamond weighing 0.2 carats. Options for the sale of the stones are currently being investigated. Lucara recently sold a 9.46 carat blue diamond recovered from the Karowe Mine for \$4.515 million.

Mr. William Lamb, CEO of Lucara noted, "The recovery of the 4.77 carat blue diamond brings the total number of blue diamonds recovered in the past few months to four. The re-occurring recovery of these exceptionally rare and sought-after stones is highly significant and confirms the quality of the diamonds produced from the Karowe Mine."

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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