

Lucara \$5 Million Private Placement Closed

VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA--(Marketwire - Aug. 15, 2008) - Lucara Diamond Corp. (TSX VENTURE:LUC) reports that the private placement announced on August 5, 2008 has closed. The Company sold on a non-brokered, private placement basis 5,555,556 million common shares at a price of Cdn \$0.90 per share for gross proceeds of Cdn \$5 million. Shares issued pursuant to the private placement are subject to a four month hold period. Net proceeds of the private placement will be used towards ongoing work on the Mothae diamond project in Lesotho as well as for general working capital purposes.

The private placement has received regulatory approval and the securities have been issued to the investors.

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