



GEOTECHNICAL DRILLING COMMENCES AT MERLIN DIAMOND PROJECT

Lucapa Diamond Company Limited (ASX: **LOM**) is pleased to announce its wholly owned subsidiary, Australian Natural Diamonds Pty Ltd (“AusND”), has commenced the geotechnical drilling program at the Merlin Diamond Project (“Merlin”) in the Northern Territory of Australia.

This follows approval by the Northern Territory Government (“NTG”) to appoint AusND as the operator of the site, which therefore allows AusND to commence specific approved site works prior to the completion of the Merlin acquisition.

A Mining Management Plan has been submitted to and approved by the NTG, which includes the program for the current geotechnical drilling activities at Merlin. This program is part of the Feasibility Study process and involves approximately 5,800m of diamond core drilling at the site.

A Scoping Study, based on the existing 4.4 million carat JORC compliant mineral resource estimate and using open pit and vertical pit mining methods, is well advanced and is planned to be released during Q4 2021.



Geotechnical drilling by contractor DDH1 commences at the Merlin Diamond Project, Northern Territory, Australia

In order to facilitate the drilling program, the existing camp was recommissioned and services such as access roads, power, water and communications have all been re-established.

AusND has assumed the environmental security bond for Merlin (as part of the acquisition consideration) and has paid the required A\$1.1 million bond to the NTG. The remaining A\$7.4 million acquisition consideration payment is payable on completion of all the conditions precedent to the Merlin Asset Sale agreement.

Authorised by the Lucapa Board.

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ABOUT LUCAPA

Lucapa Diamond Company Limited is an ASX listed diamond miner and explorer with assets in Africa and Australia. It has interests in two producing diamond mines in Angola (Lulo) and Lesotho (Mothae). The large, high-value diamonds produced from these two niche diamond mines attract some of the highest prices per carat for rough diamonds in the world.

Lulo mine has been in commercial production since 2015, while Mothae commenced commercial production in 2019.

Lucapa has signed a binding agreement to acquire the Merlin Diamond Project in the Northern Territory of Australia. It consists of a 24km² tenement with a mining lease and a 283km² exploration tenement encompassing the mining lease. The mining lease contains 11 previously discovered kimberlite pipes in three kimberlite clusters with an existing 4.4 million carat JORC 2012 compliant resource.

The Board, management and key stakeholders in Lucapa have deep global diamond industry experience and networks all through the value chain from exploration to retail.

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Information included in this announcement that relates to exploration results and resource estimates is based on and fairly represents information and supporting documentation prepared and compiled by Richard Price MAusIMM who is a Member of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy. Mr Price is an employee of Lucapa Diamond Company Limited. Mr Price has sufficient experience which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity which he is undertaking to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 Edition of the Australasian Code for Reporting Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves. Mr Price consents to the inclusion in the announcement of the matters based on this information in the form and context in which it appears.

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