



MOTHAE DIAMONDS SELL FOR A\$5.3 MILLION

Lucapa Diamond Company Limited (ASX: **LOM**) (“Lucapa” or “the Company”) and the Government of the Kingdom of Lesotho (“GoL”) are pleased to report the results from the first sale of diamonds from the new 1.1Mtpa Mothae kimberlite plant in Lesotho.

The parcel of 5,411 carats of rough diamonds sold at tender in Antwerp for a total of US\$3.8 million (A\$5.3 million). The diamonds were recovered during the plant ramp-up phase in Q4 2018 and in the first month of commercial mining operations at Mothae in January 2019.

The sale represented an overall average price per carat of US\$707 (A\$987) for the total run of mine parcel. The highest price achieved for an individual Mothae diamond was US\$36,664 per carat.

As previously noted, the efficiency of the new Mothae plant in treating the near surface weathered material has resulted in the liberation of additional diamonds, primarily small stones below the plant’s 3mm bottom cut-off screen size (“BCOS”).

Most of these additional small diamonds are in the -11 and below sieve size fractions. While these small diamonds generate additional revenue, they also reduce the overall average price per carat.

The ~4,100 carats of Mothae diamonds included in the sale parcel in the +11 sieve size fraction and above sold for ~US\$3.78 million, representing an average price per carat of ~US\$900 (~A\$1,260).

In contrast, the ~1,300 carats of small Mothae diamonds in the -11 sieve size fraction and below sold for ~ US\$46,000, representing an average price per carat of just US\$36.



Selection of Mothae diamonds sold in the Antwerp tender

The recovery of small diamonds below the 3mm BCOS through the Mothae plant will normalise or diminish as mining progresses into the more competent kimberlite material with depth.

Lucapa Managing Director Stephen Wetherall said Lucapa and the GoL were extremely pleased with the results of the first sale of Mothae diamonds produced from the new 1.1Mtpa diamond plant.

“The solid bidding we witnessed in Antwerp for this first commercial parcel has certainly marked Mothae’s arrival on the international scene as a producer of top-quality goods, complementing those from our Lulo mine,” said Mr Wetherall.

“The strong sales prices achieved for our quality run of mine production, in the absence of a single stand-out stone, represent a great start for Mothae which augurs well for its future as a producer of exceptional diamonds and its contribution to the Basotho nation.”



Members of the Government of Lesotho, including the Honourable Minister of Mining, Keketso Sello, Lucapa CEO and management and Mothae Board members visiting the Antwerp World Diamond Centre during the Mothae tender

As previously advised, Lucapa plans to update guidance for the Mothae mine in respect of volume, grade and price in Q2 2019 after the first quarter of commercial mining operations.

For and on behalf of the Lucapa Board.

STEPHEN WETHERALL
MANAGING DIRECTOR

ABOUT LUCAPA

Lucapa is a growing diamond company with high-quality mines in Angola and Lesotho, along with exploration projects in Angola, Australia and Botswana. The Company's focus on high-value diamond production is designed to protect cash flows in a sector of the diamond market where demand remains robust.

Lucapa's flagship asset is the Lulo Diamond Project in Angola, which is a prolific producer of large and premium-value alluvial diamonds. Lulo has produced 12 +100ct diamonds to date and is the highest US\$ per carat alluvial diamond production in the world. Lucapa and its Lulo partners continue to advance their search for the primary kimberlite sources of these exceptional alluvial gems through a systematic drilling and exploration program.

Lucapa commenced commercial diamond recoveries in January 2019 at the Company's second high-value mine, the 1.1Mtpa Mothae kimberlite project in diamond-rich Lesotho.

Lucapa also has early stage exploration projects at Brooking in Western Australia and Orapa Area F in Botswana.

Lucapa's Board and management team have extensive diamond industry experience across the globe with companies including De Beers and Gem Diamonds.

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