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# **15.2 CARAT POLISHED PINK LULO DIAMOND**

- Main diamond cut & polished from the 46 carat pink coloured Lulo rough diamond
  Sold into value accretive cutting & polishing partnership
  - 15.2 carat polished diamond graded as Fancy Intense Orangy Pink by the GIA

Lucapa Diamond Company Limited (ASX: **LOM**) ("Lucapa" or "the Company") and its Lulo partners, Empresa Nacional de Diamantes E.P. ("Endiama") and Rosas & Petalas, are pleased to announce the result of cutting & polishing the 46 carat pink coloured rough diamond recovered by Sociedade Mineira Do Lulo ("SML") at the Lulo Diamond Project in Angola.

As per the ASX announcement 24 March 2020, the gem-quality 46 carat pink rough diamond was sold by SML into a cutting & polishing partnership with SML's preferred buyer, Safdico International Limited ("Safdico"). Under the partnership agreement, SML retained a share in the margin to be generated from the sale of the resultant polished diamonds.

The Lulo partners are pleased to advise the results delivered from cutting & polishing the 46 carat diamond. The rough diamond delivered 3 polished diamonds - a 15.2 carat Heart and two Pear shaped diamonds weighing 3.3 carats and 2.3 carats.

The main delivery, a 15.2 carat Heart shaped diamond was graded by the Gemmological Institute of America ("GIA") as Fancy Intense Orangy Pink, with a clarity grade of VVS1 and Excellent gradings for both polish and symmetry.



The 15.2 carat Fancy Intense Orangy Pink Heart shaped diamond

The 46 carat pink coloured diamond is the largest gem-quality coloured rough diamond recovered to date from Lulo mining operations.

The transformational marketing regulations enacted in Angola in 2019 provides SML with the ability to sell diamonds into other value accretive channels and partnerships whereby SML is able to attract additional value over and above the normal rough price achieved at mine gate. This partnership channel materially enhances the value SML delivers to all its stakeholders, including the Angolan economy.

## Dr Ganga Junior, Chairman of the Board of Endiama, commented:

"The results obtained from this diamond are a reflection of the new Government policies for the Angolan diamond sub-sector. They also constitute physical and visible evidence of the great potential of the Lulo mine, which due to the quality and characteristics of the diamonds it has produced, boosts our confidence in the future of the national diamond industry."

"ENDIAMA, as a partner, welcomes this major step, which enhances the value of Angola's diamonds".

## Stephen Wetherall, Lucapa Chief Executive and Managing Director, commented:

"The recent enactment of the Angolan diamond marketing regulations is having the desired effect. New permitted diamond marketing channels, such as this partnership initiative implemented at SML, are starting to show the real and significant additional benefit that can be derived from the diamonds produced at Lulo."

"Pink coloured diamonds are rare and constitute less than 0.1% of global diamond production. With the recent closure of the renowned Argyle underground mine in Australia, which produced ~90% of the world's natural pink diamonds, these diamonds are about to become even more scarce. This bodes well for the sale of the 15.2 carat polished pink diamond and other diamonds derived from this unique value accretive polishing partnership".

Authorised by the Lucapa Board.

#### STEPHEN WETHERALL MANAGING DIRECTOR

#### **ABOUT LUCAPA**

Lucapa is a niche diamond producer with high-value mines in Angola (Lulo) and Lesotho (Mothae).

The Lulo alluvial mine and Mothae kimberlite mine both produce large and high-value diamonds, with >75% of revenues generated from the recovery of +4.8 carat stones.

Lulo has produced 15 +100 carat diamonds to date and is one of the highest average US\$ per carat alluvial diamond producers in the world. Lucapa and its *Project Lulo* partners have also received highly encouraging results from their search to discover the primary hard-rock source of the high-value Lulo alluvial diamonds.

The 1.1Mtpa Mothae kimberlite mine in diamond-rich Lesotho commenced commercial mining and processing operations in January 2019. It produced >30,000 carats in its first year of production, including 3 +100 carat diamonds. Lucapa has recently secured funding to commission a ~45% expansion in the processing capacity of the Mothae kimberlite mine from 1.1Mtpa to 1.6Mtpa which is scheduled for completion in Q1 2021.

Lucapa's Board, management team and new strategic investors have decades of diamond industry experience across the globe and right through the diamond pipeline, particularly in extracting value from large and high-quality diamonds.

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