

NOTICE OF MEETING AND MANAGEMENT PROXY CIRCULAR ANNUAL GENERAL AND SPECIAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 2025 FOR LUCARA DIAMOND CORP.



## NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL AND SPECIAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

The Annual General and Special Meeting (the "Meeting") of the shareholders of LUCARA DIAMOND CORP. (the "Company" or "Lucara") will be held at the office of the Company, at 1055 Dunsmuir Street, Suite 2800, Vancouver, BC V7X 1L2, Canada on Wednesday, May 14, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. (Pacific Time) for the following purpose:

- 1. To receive the audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2024, together with the report of the auditors;
- 2. To reappoint the auditors for the upcoming year and to authorize the directors to fix their remuneration;
- 3. To elect directors for the upcoming year;
- 4. To pass an ordinary resolution to approve certain amendments to the Company's share unit plan;
- 5. To pass an ordinary resolution to approve certain amendments to the Company's deferred share unit plan;
- 6. To pass an ordinary resolution to approve certain amendments to the Company's stock option plan; and
- 7. To adopt an advisory resolution on executive compensation.

Your vote is important. If you held Lucara shares on Wednesday, April 7, 2025, you are entitled to receive notice of and vote at the Meeting or any postponement or adjournment thereof.

This Notice is accompanied by a Management Proxy Circular and a proxy form or a voting instruction form. The audited consolidated financial statements of the Company for the year ended December 31, 2024, have been provided separately to those shareholders who requested a copy. They are also available on the Company's website at <u>www.lucaradiamond.com</u> and on SEDAR+ at <u>www.sedarplus.ca</u>.

If you are not able to attend the Meeting, please vote by using the proxy form or voting instruction form and return it according to the instructions provided before 10:00 a.m. (Pacific Time) on Wednesday, May 12, 2025.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

President and Chief Executive Officer Dated April 8, 2025



## Management Proxy Circular Annual General and Special Meeting of Shareholders Wednesday, May 14, 2025

Dated April 8, 2025



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## **SECTION 1 – VOTING INFORMATION**

## 1.1 GENERAL

You have received this Management Proxy Circular (the "Circular") because you owned common shares ("Common Shares") in the capital of **Lucara Diamond Corp.** ("Lucara" or the "Company") on April 7, 2025, being the record date. As a Shareholder (as defined below), you have the right to attend the annual meeting of shareholders on **Wednesday, May 14, 2025**, at the time and place in the accompanying notice (the "Meeting") or at any adjournment or postponement thereof. The business of the Meeting will be conducted at the place in the accompanying notice.

## The Company encourages you to vote your shares by proxy in advance of the Meeting, via mail, telephone or on the internet.

Unless otherwise stated, the information contained in this Circular is given as at April 7, 2025, and all dollar amounts are expressed as Canadian dollars.

The solicitation of proxies on behalf of management is being made primarily by mail, at Lucara's expense. Proxies may also be solicited personally or by telephone by directors, officers, and employees of the Company.

YOUR VOTE IS **IMPORTANT** – PLEASE READ THIS CIRCULAR CAREFULLY AND THEN VOTE YOUR COMMON SHARES, EITHER BY PROXY OR IN PERSON, AT THE MEETING.

The persons named on the proxy form are directors, officers, or employees of Lucara. They will vote your Common Shares for you unless you appoint someone else to be your proxyholder. You have the right to appoint another person to be your proxyholder. If you appoint someone else, he or she must be present at the Meeting to vote your Common Shares.

Please follow the instructions below for voting. This Circular is being sent to both registered and non-registered (or beneficial) shareholders of the Company (each, a "Shareholder", and collectively, the "Shareholders"). The Company is **not** sending proxy-related materials directly to non-objecting beneficial owners under National Instrument 54-101 – *Communication with Beneficial Owners of Securities of a Reporter Issuer* and is not relying on the notice-and-access provisions of securities law for delivery to either registered or beneficial Shareholders. The Company will deliver proxy-related materials to nominees, custodians and fiduciaries and they will be asked to promptly forward them to beneficial Shareholders. The Company intends to pay for intermediaries to forward the Meeting materials and voting instruction forms to objecting beneficial owners.

These security holder materials are being sent to both registered and non-registered owners of the securities. If you are a non-registered owner, and the issuer or its agent has sent these materials directly to you, your name and address and information about your holdings of securities, have been obtained in accordance with applicable securities regulatory requirements from the intermediary holding on your behalf. By choosing to send these materials to you directly, the issuer (and not the intermediary holding on your behalf) has assumed responsibility for (i) delivering these materials to you, and (ii) executing your proper voting instructions. Please return your voting instructions as specified in the request for voting instructions.

### **Registered Shareholder**

You are a registered Shareholder if your Common Shares are registered in your name and you have a share certificate.

### Non-Registered (or Beneficial) Shareholder

You are a non-registered (or beneficial) Shareholder if your broker, investment dealer, bank, trust company, trustee, nominee or other intermediary holds your Common Shares for you. Most shareholders are non-registered (or beneficial) Shareholders.



## If you are unsure if you are a registered Shareholder or non-registered (or beneficial) Shareholder, please contact Computershare at:

Computershare Investor Services Inc. 8th Floor, 100 University Avenue Toronto, Ontario, M5J 2Y1 1-800-564-6253 (toll-free in Canada and U.S.) 1-514-982-7555 (international) service@computershare.com

## **1.2** MATTERS TO BE VOTED ON AT THE MEETING

At the Meeting, Shareholders will be asked to vote on the matters described in Section 2 of this Circular "BUSINESS OF THE MEETING".

# 1.3 HOW TO VOTE IF YOU ARE A REGISTERED SHAREHOLDER AND YOUR SHARES TRADE ON THE TSX

### In Person

You should identify yourself to the representative from Computershare before entering the Meeting to register your attendance at the Meeting.

### By Proxy

1. By mail:

Complete, sign and date your proxy form and return it in the envelope provided. Please see below "How to complete the Proxy Form if you are a registered Shareholder with shares trading on the TSX" for more information.

2. By telephone:

Call 1-866-732-8683 (toll free in Canada and the United States) and follow the voting instructions. You will need your 15-digit control number which is noted on your proxy form. International holders wishing to vote by telephone can dial +1-312-588-4290 to place their vote.

3. On the internet:

Go to <u>www.investorvote.com</u> and follow the instructions on the screen. You will need your 15-digit control number which is noted on your proxy form.

How to complete the Proxy Form if you are a registered Shareholder with shares trading on the TSX:

Complete your voting instructions, sign and date your proxy form and return it so that it is received before **10:00 a.m.** (Pacific Time) on Monday, May 12, 2025, or, in the case of any adjournment or postponement of the Meeting, not less than 48 hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays) before the time set for the adjourned or postponed Meeting. When you sign the proxy form (unless you appoint someone else, see below), you are authorizing the appointees, who are directors, officers, or employees of Lucara, to vote your Common Shares for you at the Meeting. The Common Shares represented by a proxy form will be voted in favour or withheld from voting or voted against, as applicable, in accordance with your instructions on any ballot that may be called for at the Meeting. If you return your proxy form and do not indicate how you want to vote your Common Shares, your vote will be cast:

- FOR the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as auditors and authorizing the directors to fix their remuneration;
- FOR the election of each of the persons nominated for election as directors in this Circular;
- FOR certain amendments to the Company's share unit plan (the "Share Unit Plan");



- FOR certain amendments to the Company's deferred share unit plan (the "DSU Plan");
- FOR certain amendments to the Company's stock option plan (the "Stock Option Plan"); and
- FOR the adoption of an advisory resolution on executive compensation as more fully described in this Circular.

Your proxyholder will also vote your Common Shares as he or she sees fit on any other matter, including amendments or variations of matters identified in this Circular or that may properly come before the Meeting and in respect of which you are entitled to vote. As at the date of this Circular, the Board of Directors (the "Board") and management do not know of any amendments or variations to the proposed items of business or any additional matters which may be presented for consideration at the Meeting.

If you are appointing someone else to vote your Common Shares at the Meeting, insert the name of the person you are appointing as your proxyholder in the space provided. Your proxyholder does not have to be a shareholder. Make sure that the person you appoint is aware that he or she has been appointed and attends the Meeting. At the Meeting, the person you appoint should register with the Computershare representative at the registration table.

If you are an individual Shareholder, you or your authorized attorney must sign the proxy form. If the Shareholder is a corporation or other legal entity, an authorized officer or attorney must sign the proxy form.

If you need help completing your proxy form, please contact Computershare at the contact information listed above under "GENERAL".

## How to Change or Revoke your Vote – if you are a registered Shareholder with shares trading on the TSX:

If you wish to <u>change</u> a vote you made by proxy:

- complete a proxy form that is dated later than the proxy form you are changing and deposit it with Computershare so that it is received before 10:00 a.m. (Pacific Time) on Monday, May 12, 2025 or, in the case of any adjournment or postponement of the Meeting, not less than 48 hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and statutory holidays) before the time set for the adjourned or postponed Meeting; or
- vote again by telephone or on the internet before 10:00 a.m. (Pacific Time) on Monday, May 12, 2025 or, in the case of any adjournment or postponement of the Meeting, not less than 48 hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and statutory holidays) before the time set for the adjourned or postponed Meeting.

If you wish to <u>revoke</u> a vote you made by proxy:

- attend in person at the Meeting;
- send a notice of revocation in writing from you or your authorized attorney to the registered office of the Company, at Suite 3500, 1133 Melville Street, Vancouver, BC V6E 4E5, Canada so that it is received by the close of business (Pacific Time) on Monday, May 12, 2025 or, in the case of any adjournment or postponement of the Meeting, by the close of business on the last business day before the day of the adjourned or postponed Meeting;
- give a notice of revocation in writing from you or your authorized attorney to the Chair of the Meeting or the Corporate Secretary on the day of, but prior to the commencement of the Meeting; or
- in any other manner permitted by law.

# 1.4 HOW TO VOTE IF YOU ARE A NON-REGISTERED (OR BENEFICIAL) SHAREHOLDER AND YOUR SHARES TRADE ON THE TSX

### By Proxy

In accordance with applicable securities law requirements, the Company has distributed copies of the Meeting materials and the form of proxy and voting information form to the intermediaries and clearing agencies for



distribution to the non-registered Shareholders. The Company intends to pay for intermediaries to forward the Meeting materials and voting instruction forms to objecting beneficial owners.

Non-registered Shareholders should carefully follow the instructions of their intermediary, including those regarding when and where the proxy or voting instruction form is to be delivered. There may be deadlines for non-registered Shareholders that are earlier than the deadlines for proxies from registered Shareholders set out above.

To vote using the voting instruction form:

- *Non-objecting beneficial owners*: Fill in the voting instruction form you received with this package and carefully follow the instructions provided. You can send your voting instructions by phone or by mail or through the internet.
- *Objecting beneficial owners*: Sign and date the voting instruction form your intermediary sends to you and follow the instructions for returning the form.

Your intermediary (your broker, investment dealer, bank, trust company, nominee or other intermediary) is responsible for properly executing your voting instructions.

Your intermediary is required to ask for your voting instructions before the Meeting. Please contact your intermediary if you did not receive a voting instruction form together with this Circular. You may change your voting instructions given to an intermediary by notifying such intermediary in accordance with the intermediary's instructions. Only registered Shareholders have the right to revoke a proxy. A non-registered Shareholder who has submitted voting instructions to an intermediary should contact their intermediary for information with respect to revoking their voting instructions.

Make sure your voting instruction form or proxy form, as applicable, is properly completed and that you allow enough time for it to reach Computershare if you are sending it by mail.

### In Person

Lucara does not have access to the names or holdings of our non-registered (or beneficial) Shareholders. This means you can only vote your Common Shares in person at the Meeting if you have previously appointed yourself as the proxyholder for your Common Shares by inserting your name in the space provided on the voting instruction form, which you received from your intermediary, and submitting it as directed on the form.

Non-registered Shareholders cannot use a voting instruction form to vote directly at the Meeting. If you are a nonregistered Shareholder and you wish to vote at the Meeting, you must appoint yourself as proxyholder by inserting your own name in the space provided on the voting instruction form sent to you and following all the applicable instructions provided therein, including as follows:

- Non-objecting beneficial owners: Follow the instructions on the voting instruction form. You must request a legal proxy form granting you the right to attend the Meeting and vote, and return the proxy form to our transfer agent, Computershare, within the time periods specified.
- Objecting beneficial owners: Follow the instructions on the voting instruction form from your intermediary, and request a proxy form, which grants you the right to attend the Meeting and vote and return the proxy form to our transfer agent, Computershare, within the time periods specified.

Your voting instructions must be received by Computershare by 10:00 a.m. (Pacific Time) on Monday, May 12, 2025, or, in the case of any adjournment or postponement of the Meeting, not less than 48 hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and statutory holidays) before the time set for the adjourned or postponed Meeting. You should identify yourself to the representative from Computershare before entering the Meeting to register your attendance at the Meeting.



# **1.5** HOW TO VOTE IF YOUR SHARES TRADE ON THE NASDAQ FIRST NORTH GROWTH MARKET EXCHANGE

The information in this section is of significance to Shareholders who hold their securities ("Euroclear Registered Securities") through Euroclear Sweden AB, which securities trade on the Nasdaq First North Growth Market Exchange. Shareholders who hold Euroclear Registered Securities are not registered holders of voting securities for the purposes of voting at the Meeting. Instead, Euroclear Registered Securities are registered under CDS & Co., the registration name of the Canadian Depositary for Securities. Holders of Euroclear Registered Securities will receive a Form of Proxy (the "Swedish Proxy") by mail directly from Computershare AB ("Computershare Sweden"). The Swedish Proxy cannot be used to vote securities directly at the Meeting. Instead, the Swedish Proxy must be completed and returned to Computershare Sweden, strictly in accordance with the instructions and deadlines that will be described in the instructions provided with the Swedish Proxy.

## **1.6** HOW TO VOTE IF YOUR SHARES ARE HELD ON THE BOTSWANA STOCK EXCHANGE

The information in this section is of significance to Shareholders whose securities are listed on the Botswana Stock **Exchange ("Botswana Registered Securities").** Holders of Botswana Registered Securities will receive a proxy form (the "Botswana Proxy") by email directly from <u>BWinvestor@Lucaradiamond.com</u>. The Botswana Proxy must be completed and returned to the same email address strictly in accordance with the instructions and deadlines described in such Proxy.

## 1.7 WHO IS ENTITLED TO VOTE AND HOW THE VOTES ARE COUNTED

Each Shareholder is entitled to one vote for each Common Share held as of the record date, April 7, 2025, on all matters at the Meeting. As of the record date, there are 452,935,280 issued and outstanding Common Shares.

Computershare counts and tabulates the votes. It does this independently of Lucara to make sure that the votes of individual Shareholders are confidential. Computershare refers proxy forms to Lucara only when:

- it is clear that a Shareholder wants to communicate with management;
- the validity of the proxy is in question; or
- the law requires it.

## **1.8 WHO ARE THE PRINCIPAL SHAREHOLDERS**

To the knowledge of the directors and senior officers of Lucara, those Shareholders listed in the table below are the only persons or companies beneficially owning or exercising control or direction, directly or indirectly, over Common Shares carrying more than 10% of the voting rights attached to all Common Shares.

PRINCIPAL SHAREHOLDER	COMMON SHARES	% OWNERSHIP
Nemesia S.à.r.l. (" <b>Nemesia</b> ") <sup>(1)</sup>	117,684,010	25.98%
Letko, Brosseau & Associates	56,376,175	12.45%

(1) Nemesia is a private company controlled by trusts settled by the late Adolf H. Lundin.

## **SECTION 2 – BUSINESS OF THE MEETING**

## **2.1** FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The audited consolidated financial statements of the Company for the year ended December 31, 2024 have been provided to Shareholders who requested them and are available on Lucara's website at <u>www.lucaradiamond.com</u> or at SEDAR+ at <u>www.sedarplus.ca</u>. Management of the Company will discuss these consolidated financial results at the Meeting. No vote of Shareholders is required with respect to this item of business.



## **2.2** APPOINTMENT AND REMUNERATION OF AUDITORS

The Board recommends the re-appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP Chartered Professional Accountants ("PwC"), Vancouver, British Columbia, as auditors of the Company to hold office until the termination of the next annual meeting of the Shareholders. The annual audit was most recently tendered in 2020.

As in past years, it is proposed that the remuneration to be paid to the auditors shall be determined by the Board. For further information on the external auditors including fees paid to the auditors in 2023 and 2024, please refer to page 30 of this Circular.

You may either vote for re-appointing PwC as Lucara's auditor to hold office until the end of the next annual meeting and authorizing the directors to fix the auditor's remuneration or you can withhold your vote. If you do not specify how you want your shares voted, the named proxyholders intend to cast votes **FOR** reappointing PwC and authorizing the directors to fix PwC's remuneration.

## 2.3 ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

### Nominees – Directors

The term of office of each of the present directors expires at the Meeting. The Board is recommending that the seven individuals nominated be elected at the Meeting, all of whom are existing directors of the Company. Melissa Harmon was appointed to the Board, effective February 2025, and David Dicaire will not be standing for re-election at the Meeting. The Board has assessed the skills and experience that the directors standing for election offer and is satisfied the nominees meet the Board's requirements. Each director elected at the Meeting will serve as a director until the next annual meeting unless he or she resigns or is otherwise removed from office earlier. The average tenure of the non-executive directors standing for re-election is approximately five years. The Chair of the Board will be appointed by the Board following the Meeting.

You may either vote for the election of each of the below nominees or you can withhold your vote. If you do not specify how you want your shares voted, the named proxyholders intend to cast votes **FOR** the election of the below named nominees. If any proposed nominee is unable to serve as a director or withdraws his or her name, the named proxyholders reserve the right to nominate and vote for another individual in their discretion.

The Board has adopted a Majority Voting Policy that provides that the Chair of the Board will ensure that the number of shares voted in favour or withheld from voting for each director nominee is recorded and promptly made public after the Meeting. If any nominee for director is not elected by at least a majority (50% + 1 vote) of the votes cast regarding his or her election, the director must immediately tender his or her resignation to the Chair of the Board following the Meeting, to take effect upon acceptance by the Board. The Board shall accept the resignation absent exceptional circumstances.

To assist the Board in determining whether exceptional circumstances exist, the Board will refer the resignation to the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee (the "CGN Committee") who will expeditiously consider the director's offer to resign and make a recommendation to the Board whether to accept the resignation. Within 90 (ninety) days of the Meeting, the Board will make a final decision concerning the acceptance of the director's resignation (and reasons for rejecting the resignation, if applicable) and announce that decision by way of a news release. Any director who tenders his or her resignation will not participate in the deliberations of the Board or any of its committees pertaining to the resignation. The policy applies only to uncontested elections, where the number of nominees as director is equal to the number of directors to be elected.

If the director fails to tender his or her resignation as contemplated in the policy, the Board will not re-nominate the director. Subject to any corporate law restrictions, where the Board accepts the offer of resignation of a director and that director resigns, the Board may exercise its discretion with respect to the resulting vacancy and may, without limitation, leave the resultant vacancy unfilled until the next annual meeting of Shareholders, fill the vacancy through the appointment of a new director whom the Board considers to merit the confidence of the Shareholders, or call a special meeting of Shareholders to elect a new nominee to fill the vacant position.



Information regarding each of the seven proposed nominees, is set out below. Further information on the proposed nominees can also found in this Circular; please see pages 52 to 53 for director compensation received.

Sheila M. COLMAN	
British Columbia,	Board and Committee Meeting Attendance
Canada	Board: 6 of 6 (following appointment)
Age, 57	Environmental, Social & Governance Committee (Chair): 2 of 2 (following appointment)
	Compensation Committee: 2 of 2 (following appointment)
	Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee: 1 of 1 (following appointment)
Independent:	Current Occupation
Yes	Vice President, Legal and Sustainability & Corporate Secretary, Lundin Gold Inc.
Director since:	Biography
May 2024	Ms. Colman has more than two decades of experience working in public companies in the mining sector. She is Lundin Gold Inc.'s VP, Legal and Sustainability and, since the acquisition of the Fruta del Norte gold mine in Ecuador, she has been responsible for Lundin Gold Inc.'s legal affairs ranging from corporate and commercial transactions, equity and debt financings and strategic relationships to board matters, compliance, and corporate governance. Ms. Colman oversees the advancement of Lundin Gold Inc.'s sustainability strategy and leads ESG/climate initiatives. From 2015 to 2023, Ms. Colman held the position of Vice-President Legal and Corporate Secretary at Lundin Gold Inc. Prior to joining Lundin Gold Inc., she was Vice President and Corporate Secretary of Denison Mines Corp., a Canadian uranium mining company, a position which she held since 2004. Before moving into mining, she worked as in house counsel at Labatt Breweries, one of Canada's leading brewers.
	Ms. Colman graduated from Queen's University with a B.A.(H) in 1990 and received her LL.B. from Queen's University in 1993. She is a member of both the British Columbia and Ontario Bars and has a Global Competent Boards designation (GCB.D) from Competent Boards.
# of voting securities	Other Public Boards
owned:	None
0	
Paul K. CONIBEAR	
British Columbia,	Board and Committee Meeting Attendance
Canada	Board (Chair): 10 of 10
Age, 67	Compensation Committee (Chair): 4 of 4
	Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee: 3 of 3
Independent:	Current Occupation



Director since:	Biography
April 2007	Mr. Conibear has over 35 years of experience in the mining industry in Africa, North and South America and Europe. His background includes more than 20 years of project and construction management across a diverse range of minerals projects encompassing base and precious metal, coal, uranium, diamond and potash investments.
	For the last 30 years he has held public company executive management and director's positions, last serving as President and CEO of Lundin Mining Corporation from 2010 until his retirement in 2018. Mr. Conibear also served for several years as President and CEO of Tenke Mining Corp., where he was instrumental in progressing the world class Tenke Fungurume copper/cobalt project into production with operating partner, Freeport.
	Mr. Conibear is also a founding member and the chair of the Lundin Foundation, whose mandate is to elevate developmental practices across the Lundin Group, ensuring resource operations mobilize local economic opportunities and benefit surrounding communities.
# of voting securities	Other Public Boards
owned:	N/A
383,000	
lan W. GIBBS	
British Columbia,	Board and Committee Meeting Attendance
Canada	Board: 6 of 6 (following appointment)
Age, 56	Audit Committee (Chair): 2 of 2 (following appointment)
	Compensation Committee: 2 of 2 (following appointment)
Independent:	Current Occupation
Yes	CEO, Fireweed Metals Corp.
Director since:	Biography
May 2024	Mr. Gibbs currently serves as President and CEO of Fireweed Metals Corp. (TSX and OTC), a Canadian public company which is advancing its 100% owned Macpass zinc- lead-silver project and the Mactung tungsten project in the Yukon, Canada. Over the last 20 years, Mr. Gibbs has served as CFO for numerous public companies in the resource sector, including Filo Corp., Josemaria Resources Inc., which were both acquired by Lundin Mining Corporation in 2025 and 2022 respectively, Africa Oil Corp., Tanganyika Oil Company Ltd. and Valkyries Petroleum.
	Mr. Gibbs is a Canadian Chartered Professional Accountant and a graduate of the University of Calgary where he obtained a Bachelor of Commerce degree.
# of voting securities	Other Public Boards
owned:	Fireweed Metals Corp. (TSX, OTC)
0	Lundin Gold Inc. (TSX, Nasdaq Stockholm)



Melissa M. HARMON	
Denver, Colorado, USA	Board and Committee Meeting Attendance
Age, 47	Board: 1 of 1 (following appointment)
Independent:	Current Occupation
Yes	Senior Vice President, Newmont Corporation
Director since:	Biography
February 2025	Ms. Harmon has over 25 years of experience in the mining industry in North America and Africa. She has held multiple executive level operational and technical roles with Newmont Corporation, a global leader in the production of gold, copper, silver, lead and zinc. Her most recent roles with Newmont include Senior Vice-President Technical Transformation & Non-Managed Operations, Senior Vice-President Divestitures, and Vice President Productivity. Ms. Harmon also serves as a Director for Lundin Gold Inc. She is a leader in safety and diversity, equity and inclusion and has received numerous awards for contributions to the mining industry in these areas. Ms. Harmon holds a Bachelor of Science in Mine Engineering from the University of
	Nevada, Reno, where she also serves on several executive boards, as well as a Masters of Business Administration from Auburn University. She is a registered Professional Engineer in the United States.
# of voting securities	Other Public Boards
owned: 0	Lundin Gold Inc. (TSX, Nasdaq Stockholm)
William LAMB	·
British Columbia,	Board and Committee Meeting Attendance
Canada	Board: 10 of 10
Age, 54	Environmental, Social & Governance Committee: 4 of 4
Independent:	Current Occupation
No	President and CEO, and Director of the Company since August 17, 2023



August 2023Mr. Lamb has more than 30 years of mining industry leadership and mine development experience. Most recently, Mr. Lamb was the CEO for NewGen Resource Lending Inc. and serves on the Board of Directors of a number of Canadian listed copper and gold companies. He was formerly the CEO of Lucara Diamond Corp., responsible for developing and commissioning the Karowe mine in Botswana, before which he was involved in the development, and operation of two diamond mines in Northern Ontario and the Northwest Territories in Canada. The primary focus of Mr. Lamb's career has been in mine development and sustainable operations across a wide sector of different commodities, in remote locations in Africa and Northern Canada. He has focused on innovative technologies for the enhancement of economic value, a key aspect in the success generated during his decade with the Lundin Group of Companies. Mr. Lamb has m NDH in Extractive Metallurgy from Technicon Witwatersrand and an MBA from the Edinburgh Business School. He was EV's Entrepreneur of the Year for 2017, Pacific Mining and Metals, and received 2016 Hugo Dummett Award, alongside Lukas Lundin, for excellence in diamond exploration and development.# of voting securities owned: 431,467Board and Committee Meeting Attendance Board: 10 of 10Age, 38Board and Committee Meeting Attendance Board: 10 of 10Price Nage 2022BiographyMay 2022Mr. Lundin has extensive experience in capital markets and public company management Mr. Lundin has played a leadership role in the development of the Vicuña District, an emerging copper district.May 2022Mr. Lundin is the former President, Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") and a Director of Josemaria Resources Inc. He was also previously President, CEO and Director of Josemaria Resources Inc	Director since:	Biography
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owned: Lundin Mining Corporation (TSX, Nasdaq Stockholm)	owned:	Lundin Mining Corporation (TSX, Nasdaq Stockholm)
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NGEx Minerals Ltd. (TSX-V)		NCEY Minorals Ltd. (TSY V)



Peter J. O'CALLAGHAN				
British Columbia, Canada Age, 66	Board and Committee Meeting Attendance Board: 10 of 10 Audit Committee: 2 of 2 (following appointment)			
Independent: Yes	Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee (Chair): 3 of 3 Current Occupation Corporate Director			
Director since: May 2020	<b>Biography</b> Mr. O'Callaghan was most recently the Office Managing Partner of the Vancouver office of Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP, a leading Canadian law firm, until his retirement in December 2022. Mr. O'Callaghan's practice was focused on merger and acquisition transactions in the mining sector. He also has extensive experience in corporate finance transactions, including public and private equity financings, take- over, and issuer bids, and acting as independent counsel to investment dealers and boards of directors. He has acted in respect of many mining transactions in Canada, the U.S., South America, Africa, China, and Australia.			
# of voting securities owned: 0	Other Public Boards None			

#### Legend Stock Exchanges:

= Toronto Stock Exchange
= TSX Venture Exchange
= Nasdaq First North
= Nasdaq First North Growth Market Exchange
= New York Stock Exchange
= OTC Markets Group

### Directors' Skill Assessment Matrix

The CGN Committee requests directors on an annual basis to complete a matrix identifying their experience against a key set of skills and experience deemed desirable for Board members. This matrix is used as a tool by the Board in assessing needs in the context of the nomination process.



AREA OF EXPERTISE	SHEILA M. COLMAN	PAUL K. CONIBEAR	IAN W. GIBBS	MELISSA M. HARMON	WILLIAM LAMB	ADAM I. LUNDIN	PETER J. O'CALLAGHAN	TOTAL
Diamond Industry					Х	Х		2
Diamond Sales and Marketing					х	х		2
Environmental, Safety and Occupational Health	Х	х		Х	х			4
Finance and Financial Reporting / Literacy	Х		х	Х	Х	х	х	6
Human Resources and Compensation	Х	х	Х	Х	х	Х	х	7
Legal and Corporate Governance	Х	х	х				х	4
Mergers and Acquisitions (i.e. Project Assessment and Due Diligence)	х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	х	7
Mining Operations and Technical Skills including underground mining				Х	Х			2
Project Financing	Х		Х			Х		3
Risk Management	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х		Х	6
Strategy	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	7
Sustainability and ESG including climate change, tailings management and human rights	Х	Х		х				3
Technology Experience		Х	Х	Х	Х			4
OTHER METRICS OF INTEREST RELATED TO THE NOMINEES PROPOSED FOR ELECTION AT THE 2025 MEETING	SHEILA M. COLMAN	PAUL K. CONIBEAR	IAN W. GIBBS	MELISSA M.HARMON	WILLIAM LAMB	ADAM I. LUNDIN	PETER J. O'CALLAGHAN	TOTAL
Gender Diverse Director	Х			Х				29%
Board Tenure (in years, including CEO)	1	18	1	-	2	3	4	29
Attendance at > 75% of Board Meetings	Х	Х	Х	-	Х	Х	х	100%
Age 60 to 69 years		Х					х	29%
Age 50 to 59 years	Х		Х		Х			43%
Age less than 50 years				Х		Х		29%



## Advance Notice

On March 21, 2013, the Board approved an advance notice policy for nominations of directors by Shareholders in certain circumstances, which was approved by the Shareholders of the Company on June 21, 2013 and is posted on the Company's website. As at the date of this Circular, Lucara has not received notice of any director nominations in connection with the Meeting. Accordingly, at this time, the only persons eligible to be nominated for election to the Board at the Meeting are the above nominees.

## 2.4 AMENDMENTS TO THE SHARE UNIT PLAN

The Board adopted the Share Unit Plan on March 19, 2015, which was subsequently amended on March 18, 2020, March 23, 2022, and March 22, 2023. A summary of the key terms of the Share Unit Plan can be found under the heading "Equity Compensation Plan Information – The Share Unit Plan".

There is currently a maximum of 17,000,000 Common Shares reserved for issuance under the Share Unit Plan, representing approximately 3.75% of the issued and outstanding Common Shares as at the date of this Circular. As at the date hereof, there are 12,889,384 share units (each, an "SU") outstanding under the Share Unit Plan (representing approximately 2.85% of the issued and outstanding Common Shares on an as-converted basis), with 1,396,283 additional SU available for issuance under the Share Unit Plan (representing approximately 0.31% of issued and outstanding Common Shares on an as-converted basis).

On March 20, 2025, the Board approved, among other amendments of a housekeeping nature, an increase to the Share Unit Plan maximum whereby the number of Common Shares reserved for issuance under the Share Unit Plan will be fixed at 22,000,000, representing approximately 4.86% of the issued and outstanding Common Shares as at the date of this Circular (the "Share Unit Plan Amendments").

The Share Unit Plan Amendments are subject to Shareholder approval. A copy of the Share Unit Plan, marked to show the Share Unit Plan Amendments, is appended to this Circular as Appendix B.

At the Meeting, Shareholders will be asked to approve the Share Unit Plan Amendments. If Shareholder approval is not received for the Share Unit Plan Amendments, the current Share Unit Plan will continue to govern SUs awarded prior to the Meeting, and any future SUs awarded, subject to the existing Share Unit Plan's maximums. You may either vote for approval of the following resolution or you can vote against. Unless otherwise instructed, the named proxyholders will vote **FOR** the approval of the Share Unit Plan Amendments.

## "BE IT RESOLVED that:

- (i) the proposed amendments to the Share Unit Plan, attached as Appendix B to the Management Information Circular of Lucara Diamond Corp. (the "Company") delivered in connection with the Company's 2025 annual meeting of shareholders (the "Circular"), including the increase of the common shares in the capital of the Company issuable thereunder to a fixed maximum aggregate of 22,000,000, be and are hereby authorized and approved, subject to final acceptance by the Toronto Stock Exchange; and
- (ii) any one director or officer of the Company is hereby authorized and directed to do all such acts and things and to execute and deliver, under the corporate seal of the Company or otherwise, all such deeds, documents, instruments and assurances as in his or her opinion may be necessary or desirable to give effect to the foregoing resolutions."

## 2.5 AMENDMENTS TO THE DEFERRED SHARE UNIT PLAN

The Board adopted the DSU Plan in February 2020, which was subsequently amended on March 22, 2023. A summary of the key terms of the DSU Plan can be found under the heading "*Equity Compensation Plan Information – The DSU Plan*".

There is currently a maximum of 4,500,000 Common Shares reserved for issuance under the DSU Plan, representing approximately 0.99% of the issued and outstanding Common Shares as at the date of this Circular. As at the date hereof, there are 4,348,181 deferred share units (each, a "DSU") outstanding under the DSU Plan (representing



approximately 0.96% of the issued and outstanding Common Shares on an as-converted basis), with 151,819 DSUs remaining available for issuance under the DSU Plan (representing approximately 0.03% of the issued and outstanding Common Shares on an as-converted basis). The number of Common Shares issuable to non-executive directors may also not exceed 1% of the total number of issued and outstanding Common Shares (the "1% DSU Cap").

On March 20, 2025, the Board approved, among other amendments of a housekeeping nature, (i) an increase to the DSU Plan maximum whereby the number of Common Shares reserved for issuance under the DSU Plan will be fixed at 8,000,000, representing approximately 1.77% of the issued and outstanding Common Shares as at the date of this Circular, and (ii) the removal of the 1% DSU Cap, which amendment is intended to permit non-executive directors to continue to participate in the DSU Plan notwithstanding that the 1% DSU Cap is anticipated to be surpassed prior to the next annual general meeting of Shareholders, and thus, ultimately enable the Company to continue to incentivize non-executive directors by aligning their long term interests in the DSU Plan will continue to be capped at CAD\$150,000, per director, for any one-year period, in combination with all other equity awards granted, aligned with corporate best practice guidelines published by Canadian institutional proxy advisors.

The DSU Plan Amendments are subject to Shareholder approval. A copy of the DSU Plan, marked to show the DSU Plan Amendments, is appended to this Circular as Appendix C.

At the Meeting, Shareholders will be asked to approve the DSU Plan Amendments. If Shareholder approval is not received for the DSU Plan Amendments, the current DSU Plan will continue to govern DSUs awarded prior to the Meeting, and any future DSUs awarded, subject to the DSU Plan's existing maximums. You may either vote for approval of the following resolution or you can vote against. Unless otherwise instructed, the named proxyholders will vote **FOR** the approval of the DSU Plan Amendments.

## "BE IT RESOLVED that:

- (i) the proposed amendments to the Deferred Share Unit Plan, attached as Appendix C to the Management Information Circular of Lucara Diamond Corp. (the "Company") delivered in connection with the Company's 2025 annual meeting of shareholders (the "Circular"), including, among other things, the increase of common shares in the capital of the Company issuable thereunder to a fixed maximum aggregate of 8,000,000, be and are hereby authorized and approved, subject to final acceptance by the Toronto Stock Exchange; and
- (ii) any one director or officer of the Company is hereby authorized and directed to do all such acts and things and to execute and deliver, under the corporate seal of the Company or otherwise, all such deeds, documents, instruments and assurances as in his or her opinion may be necessary or desirable to give effect to the foregoing resolutions."

## 2.6 AMENDMENTS TO THE STOCK OPTION PLAN

The Board adopted the Stock Option Plan on March 15, 2015, which was subsequently amended on March 20, 2019 and March 22, 2023. A summary of the terms of the Stock Option Plan can be found under the heading *"Equity Compensation Plan Information – The Stock Option Plan"*.

The Stock Option Plan contains evergreen provisions specifying that, if any stock option granted thereunder (each, an "Option") has been exercised, such an Option will again be available for grant. The rules of the TSX provide that all unallocated options under a stock option plan which contains evergreen provisions must be approved by shareholders every three years. The continuation of the Stock Option Plan and all unallocated entitlements thereunder was last approved by Shareholders in March 2023, and approval will again be sought in 2026.

There is currently a maximum of 10,000,000 Common Shares reserved for issuance under the Stock Option Plan, representing approximately 2.21% of the issued and outstanding Common Shares as at the date of this Circular. As at the date hereof, there are 8,775,325 Options issued and outstanding, (representing approximately 1.94% of issued and outstanding Common Shares on an as-converted basis), with 1,224,675 additional Options available for issuance under the Stock Option Plan (representing approximately 0.27% of the issued and outstanding Common Shares on



an as-converted basis). Additionally, the aggregate number of Common Shares that may be issued to non-employee directors as a group pursuant to the Stock Option Plan, together with any Common Shares that may be issued pursuant to any other share compensation arrangement, may not exceed 1% of the Common Shares outstanding from time to time (the "1% Stock Option Cap").

On March 20, 2025, the Board approved, among other amendments of a housekeeping nature, (i) an increase to the Stock Option Plan maximum whereby the number of Common Shares reserved for issuance under the Stock Option Plan will be fixed at 15,000,000, representing approximately 3.31% of the issued and outstanding Common Shares as at the date of this Circular, and (ii) the removal of the 1% Stock Option Cap, which amendment is intended to permit non-employee directors to continue to participate in the Stock Option Plan notwithstanding that the 1% Stock Option Cap is anticipated to be surpassed prior to the next annual general meeting of Shareholders, and thus, ultimately enable the Company to continue to incentivize non-employee directors by aligning their long term interests in the Company with that of Shareholders (the "Stock Option Plan Amendments").

Individual non-employee director participation in the Option Plan will continue to be capped at CAD\$100,000, for any one-year period, and CAD\$150,000 when calculated in combination with all other equity awards granted, aligned with corporate best practice guidelines published by Canadian institutional proxy advisors.

The Stock Option Plan Amendments are subject to Shareholder approval. A copy of the Stock Option Plan, marked to show the Stock Option Plan Amendments, is appended hereto as Appendix D.

At the Meeting, Shareholders will be asked to approve the Stock Option Plan Amendments. If Shareholder approval is not received for the Stock Option Plan Amendments, the current Stock Option Plan will continue to govern Options awarded prior to the Meeting, and any future Options awarded, subject to the Stock Option Plan's existing maximums. You may either vote for approval of the following resolution or you can vote against. Unless otherwise instructed, the named proxyholders will vote **FOR** the approval of the amendments to the Stock Option Plan.

## "BE IT RESOLVED that:

- (i) the proposed amendments to the Stock Option Plan, attached as Appendix D to the Management Information Circular of Lucara Diamond Corp. (the "Company") delivered in connection with the Company's 2025 annual meeting of shareholders (the "Circular"), including, among other things, the increase of common shares in the capital of the Company issuable thereunder to a fixed maximum aggregate of 15,000,000, be and are hereby authorized and approved, subject to final acceptance by the Toronto Stock Exchange; and
- (ii) any one director or officer of the Company is hereby authorized and directed to do all such acts and things and to execute and deliver, under the corporate seal of the Company or otherwise, all such deeds, documents, instruments and assurances as in his or her opinion may be necessary or desirable to give effect to the foregoing resolutions."

## 2.7 ADVISORY RESOLUTION ON EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

As part of Lucara's commitment to strong governance practices, the Board has provided Shareholders with an opportunity to cast an advisory vote on the Board's overall approach to executive compensation (Say-on-Pay) at its annual meeting. Lucara's approach to executive compensation was approved by 97.79% of the shares voted at the 2024 annual meeting. Again, this year, the Company is providing Shareholders with a non-binding advisory vote on Say-on-Pay. The Executive Compensation section of this Circular provides details on Lucara's compensation programs. As outlined in this section, the objectives of these programs are to structure compensation to recruit, retain and motivate qualified, high calibre executives and to link compensation to the performance of the Company.

You may either vote for approval of the following Say-on-Pay resolution or you can vote against. The Board recommends that you vote for this resolution. If you do not specify how you want your shares voted, the named proxyholders intend to cast votes **FOR** the adoption of the advisory resolution on executive compensation.

"**BE IT RESOLVED** that on an advisory basis and not to diminish the role and responsibilities of the Board of Directors, that the shareholders of Lucara Diamond Corp. accept the approach to executive compensation



disclosed in the Management Information Circular of Lucara Diamond Corp. delivered in connection with the 2025 annual meeting of shareholders."

Because the vote is advisory it will not be binding upon the Board. However, the Compensation Committee of the Board will review and analyse the results of the vote and take into consideration such results as part of its ongoing review of and responsibility for executive compensation.

## **SECTION 3 – CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

## **3.1 STATEMENT OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRACTICES**

Lucara is committed to a high standard of corporate governance. The directors believe that a high standard of governance is important for the successful operation of the business and creation of Shareholder value. The following provides information about the Board and sets out governance practices now in force.

## **3.2** MANDATE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board has adopted a formal mandate (see Appendix A).

The principal responsibilities of the Board are to supervise and evaluate management, to oversee the conduct of the Company's business, to set policies appropriate for the business of the Company and to approve corporate strategies and goals. The Board is to carry out its mandate in a manner consistent with the fundamental objective of enhancing Shareholder value.

Responsibilities which are specific to the Board include:

#### a) Strategy

The Board is responsible for approving the Company's strategy. The Board provides guidance into the strategic planning process. Management is responsible for preparing a five-year strategic plan and budgets which are presented to the Board for discussion and approval. Strategic issues discussed include but are not limited to: competitive developments and corporate opportunities, and more recently the approval of the Company's sustainability framework. The Board measures the success of the strategic plan by assessing performance results against annual corporate objectives.

### b) Risk

The Board is responsible for overseeing the process management uses to identify the principal risks of the Company's business, including climate-related risks and opportunities. The Board oversees the implementation of appropriate risk management systems. The Audit Committee and the Environmental, Social & Governance Committee (the "ESG Committee") assist the Board in its oversight of risk as they relate to Lucara's operations (including the operations of its active subsidiaries) by monitoring management's performance in managing and mitigating risks.

### c) Governance

The Board is responsible for oversight of environmental, social and governance matters, the integrity of the Company's internal control and management information systems and the communication policy with the Company's Shareholders, other stakeholders and with the public generally. The Board is responsible for appointing management of the highest calibre who create a culture of integrity throughout the organization and for placing limits on management's authority. The Board is responsible for the development of the Company's approach to corporate governance and reviewing, at least annually, the corporate governance principles and guidelines which are specifically applicable to the Company.

The Board discharges its responsibilities either directly or through its committees.



## **3.3** INDEPENDENCE

A majority of Lucara's current directors are independent; six of the seven nominees for election to the Board are independent.

## Assessing Independence of Directors

The Board is responsible for determining whether a director is independent. With the assistance of the CGN Committee, the Board reviews each director's independence annually and upon appointment or nomination of a new director to ensure a majority of the Board is independent. The Board relies on the criteria set by the Canadian Securities Administrators in National Instrument 52-110 *Audit Committees* ("NI 52-110") and National Policy 58-201 *Corporate Governance Guidelines* in making this assessment.

The Board last reviewed the independence of nominated directors at its meeting held on December 2, 2024, and determined that six of the seven director nominees are independent. William Lamb is not considered independent as he is Lucara's current President and CEO.

	STATUS			
DIRECTOR	INDEPENDENT	NOT INDEPENDENT		
Sheila M. Colman	x			
Paul K. Conibear	x			
lan W. Gibbs	x			
Melissa M. Harmon	x			
William Lamb <sup>(1)</sup>		x		
Adam I. Lundin <sup>(2)</sup>	x			
Peter J. O'Callaghan	x			

(1) Mr. Lamb is the President and CEO of the Company and is thus deemed not independent pursuant to NI 52-110.

(2) Adam Lundin is not affiliated with the Lundin Family Trust as such term is defined in NI 52-110. Moreover, Mr. Lundin has no beneficial ownership of, or control or direction over, the securities of the Company that are held by the Lundin Family Trust.

### Structures and Processes to Facilitate Independence from Management

The Board believes that the following structures and processes facilitate the functioning of the Board independently of management:

## a) Chair and Lead Director

The Chair of the Board position is separate from the CEO position. In the position description for the Chair setting out the responsibilities of the Chair, it is specified that if the Chair is not independent that such responsibilities will be carried out by the Lead Director. In addition, in such circumstances the Lead Director would provide leadership for the Board's independent directors.

### b) Meetings of Independent Directors and Without Management

To facilitate open and candid discussion among directors, a practice of holding two "in camera" sessions or meetings is normally followed for quarterly Board meetings. The first "in camera" session is for all directors, including the CEO, and the second is only with independent directors present. The "in camera" meetings of independent directors are presided over by the Chair unless he or she is not independent in which case the Lead Director would preside over the "in camera" portion of the meeting. The Audit Committee regularly holds sessions with the Company's external auditors without management present to discuss the audit and



cooperation from management. Each of the four committees of the Board hold "in camera" sessions as part of the Committees' regular business.

## c) Committee Membership / Constitution

In 2024, the Audit, Compensation and CGN Committees were composed entirely of independent directors.

## d) Independent Advisor

Directors may, with the authorization of the Chair or the CGN Committee, engage independent advisors at the expense of the Company.

## 3.4 SIZE OF BOARD

On an annual basis, the CGN Committee considers the size of the Board. If it believes changes are warranted it makes a recommendation to the Board. In anticipation of David Dicaire not standing for re-election at the Meeting, Melissa Harmon was appointed to the Board, effective February 2025, and the number of directors of the Company was accordingly increased to eight. Effective immediately following the Meeting, the number of directors will again be reduced to seven. No changes to the size of the Board are proposed for 2025 where a majority of the directors will be independent. The Board considers seven to be an appropriate size which facilitates open dialogue among directors and effective decision making but also ensures there are sufficient directors with the appropriate experience and skills, such as in-depth operational and technical mining, diamond industry, ESG and technology experience, to fulfil its responsibilities.

## **3.5 SERVING ON OTHER BOARDS**

Lucara's directors do not serve on the boards of its competitors. Many do serve on other mining public company boards which may assist these directors in their performance of their duties to the Company as such other mining companies may have similar business, regulatory and social issues as Lucara. The public company directorships held by the nominees for this year's election of directors are included in the Directors' information section 2.3 above.

## **3.6 MEETING ATTENDANCE**

The Board held ten meetings in 2024. The Audit Committee meets at least every quarter to review the Company's financial statements and MD&A. Other committees typically meet three to four times per year to carry out their mandates. Committees of the Board held a total of sixteen meetings in 2024. The number of meetings and attendance records for all Board and Committee meetings held during 2024 are included in the Directors' information section 2.3 above.

## **3.7 POSITION DESCRIPTIONS**

The Board has developed and approved a written position description for the Chair of the Board. The Chair's primary responsibilities are to: act as the effective leader of the Board and ensure that the Board's agenda will enable it to successfully carry out its duties; provide leadership to the independent directors; organize the Board to function independently of management; preside as chair at Board meetings and communicate with all Board members to coordinate their input; ensure the accountability of Board members and, provide for the effectiveness of the Board. The Chair acts as the primary liaison between the Board and management.

A general position description for all chairs of the Board's committees has been approved by the Board. The mandates of each committee are also approved by the Board. These mandates provide the committee chairs with specific responsibilities relating to the committee that they chair. On an annual basis, each committee mandate is reviewed by the applicable committee and changes are recommended to the Board for approval, if applicable.

The Board and the CEO have developed a written position description for the CEO. The CEO has responsibility for general supervision of the business and affairs of the Company, subject to the authority of the Board. The CEO is also responsible for making recommendations to the Board regarding the implementation, performance and monitoring, as the case may be, of each of the items referred to in the Board Mandate. Generally, the Board has



delegated to the CEO the authority to transact business or approve matters that are in the ordinary course of business provided these matters do not exceed material levels of expenditures on the part of the Company. The Board has established clear limits of authority for the CEO, which are described in the Company's Policy of Authorizations.

## **3.8 ASSESSMENT OF BOARD PERFORMANCE**

At the beginning of each calendar year, the CGN Committee distributes a Board effectiveness assessment to directors. This assessment questions members as to their level of satisfaction with the functioning of the Board, its interaction with management and the performance of the standing committees of the Board. Board members conduct peer reviews and a self-assessment regarding their effectiveness as a Board member as part of this assessment process. The individual assessments are returned to the Chair of the CGN Committee with a copy to the Corporate Secretary. The results are compiled for the CGN Committee.

This year's self-assessment was conducted on an anonymous basis to encourage candid feedback. The Committee reviews and discusses the results and makes recommendations to the Board regarding any action that may be deemed necessary or advisable to ensure the Board continues to function effectively and adequately perform its mandate. The Board aims for a 100% compliance rate for completion of the assessment by directors, and six of the seven directors completed the assessment this year. The peer reviews and self-assessments by directors are considered as part of the director nomination process. The results of the assessment process held in Q1 2025 indicated that the directors believed that the Board and the Board Committees functioned effectively during the year ended December 31, 2024.

The effective performance of the Board is also monitored by the completion of its annual workplan and completion by the Committees of their annual workplans. These workplans are reviewed annually and list standard items to be dealt with at each Board or committee meeting and any additional items for that year.

## 3.9 ORIENTATION AND CONTINUING EDUCATION

Included in the CGN Committee's mandate is the requirement to develop, with the assistance of management, an orientation and education program for new recruits. As part of the orientation for all new members, opportunities are provided for the director to meet with other directors and members of Lucara's executive team to discuss the nature and operation of the Company's business. The following is also reviewed with each new member: (i) information and materials regarding the Company, including the role of the Board and its committees; and (ii) the legal obligations of a director of the Company. Each new Board member has access to a comprehensive package of material regarding Lucara through the Diligent Board portal service. A more specific orientation program is developed and tailored to meet the individual needs of a new director. For example, if the new director is highly sophisticated about diamond mining matters, orientation on that matter would not be necessary or if a director has a high level of financial expertise, orientation focused on financial literacy may not be included. The comprehensive director orientation package is made available to all directors.

With regard to continuing education for Board members, the CGN Committee's mandate is to provide for such education for all directors with the assistance of management. As part of the annual director assessment process, directors are canvassed for their input on what additional information would assist them in increasing their effectiveness as directors. The CGN Committee considers directors' responses and makes recommendations. In 2024, education sessions were held on the *Act to enact the Fighting Against Forced Labour and Child Labour in Supply Chains Act and to amend the Customs Tariff* ("Bill S-211"), also referred to as the Modern Slavery Act (Canada), as well as the effective oversight of cybersecurity.

Directors are regularly informed by the CEO, verbally and through a written monthly report to the Board, of strategic and operational issues affecting Lucara, including the competitive environment, the Company's performance and developments, and risks that could materially impact the Company. Directors are also provided with information regarding legislative changes and governance trends, including those related to ESG matters and climate change. From time to time, the Company arranges for legal counsel and industry experts to provide status updates and education.



## 3.10 NOMINATION OF DIRECTORS

The CGN Committee, which is presently composed entirely of independent Board members, has the responsibility for proposing nominees for directors to the Board. To assist them in this exercise the Board has approved the *Guidelines for the Composition of Lucara's Board*. These guidelines specify certain qualities, listed below, for consideration when evaluating the composition of the Board and when nominating potential candidates. When tabling these guidelines, the Board acknowledged that the qualities listed were not intended to be exhaustive and were not listed in terms of their importance. In addition, the guidelines require the CGN Committee to seek diversity in perspectives, by considering qualified candidates with relevant education and experience of any age, gender, and background. The guidelines, which are reviewed by the Board on an annual basis, were updated in February 2021 to include:

- i) seeking diversity in perspectives, by considering qualified candidates with relevant education and experience of any age, gender and ethnicity;
- ii) actively seek out highly qualified women to include in the pool from which Board nominees are chosen;
- iii) actively seek out highly qualified Black, Indigenous and People of Colour ("BIPOC") to include in the pool from which Board nominees are chosen; and
- iv) identify those skills and qualifications which are relevant to trends that affect the Company's business including, but not limited to technology, globalization, business strategy and innovation.

Also, to ensure adherence to the *Board and Executive Officer Diversity and Inclusion Policy*, which is outlined below, this policy was last reviewed in February 2025 and no changes were made. For 2025, the key skills and experience criteria for Board members were amended by including project financing and underground mining skills to the skills matrix.

Key skills & experience criteria for Board members:

- Diamond Industry
- Diamond Sales and Marketing
- Environmental, Safety and Occupational Health
- Finance and Financial Reporting / Literacy
- Human Resources and Compensation
- Legal and Corporate Governance
- Mergers and Acquisition (i.e. Project Assessment and Due Diligence)
- Mining Operations and Technical Skills including underground mining
- Project Financing
- Risk Management
- Strategy
- Sustainability and ESG including climate change, tailings management and human rights
- Technology Experience
- Sound business experience and expertise
- Corporate governance experience
- Experience in corporate operations
- Strong Board skills, such as:



- o Integrity
- Networking abilities
- Interpersonal skills
- o Ability to think strategically and act independently
- Independent, as such term is defined by the Canadian Securities Administrators
- Not previously bankrupt
- Prior personal history that is acceptable to regulators
- Willing to devote sufficient time and effort to Board duties

To identify potential nominees that possess the desired skills and competencies, the Committee members may utilize their extensive knowledge of the industry and personal contacts. In addition, the Board and management may also propose candidates to the Committee, or the Committee may, at the Company's expense, retain external consultants to assist in the search for suitable director nominees.

The CGN Committee has approved a form of a Board Candidacy Questionnaire which potential candidates are required to complete as part of the nomination process. The information provided in this form is used to evaluate a candidate's suitability with the Guidelines.

The CGN Committee requests directors on an annual basis to complete a matrix identifying their experience against a key set of skills and experience deemed desirable for Board members. This matrix is used as a tool by the Board in assessing needs in the context of the nomination process. The individual directors' skills are included in the matrix depicted beginning on page 17 above.

## 3.11 DIVERSITY & INCLUSION – EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND BOARD

In 2014, the Board adopted a *Board and Executive Officer Gender Diversity Policy*. In February 2021, this policy was re-named to *Board and Executive Officer Diversity and Inclusion Policy* (the "Diversity Policy") to acknowledge the inclusion of ethnic diversity. This policy is reviewed on an annual basis and formalizes the following vision for Lucara:

The Company recognizes the importance of identifying and recruiting individuals for Board and Executive Officer positions who possess diversity in age, gender, ethnicity, and experience. The Company believes that a diverse board and executive management structure enhances the decision making of the Board and at senior management levels.

As noted above, with regard to diversity and the Board, measures taken to ensure the policy is effectively implemented include the commitment from the CGN Committee to actively seek out highly qualified women, highly qualified BIPOC individuals and those individuals who possess the skills and qualifications which are relevant to trends that affect the Company's business, to include in the pool from which Board nominees are evaluated and chosen. This commitment is documented in the *Guidelines for the Composition of Lucara's Board*.

Regarding diversity and senior management, measures taken to ensure the policy is effectively implemented include the mandate set out in the Diversity Policy that management of Lucara shall, as part of the hiring process of executive officers, actively seek out highly qualified women, highly qualified BIPOC individuals and those individuals who possess the skills and qualifications which are relevant to trends that affect the Company's business. The Diversity Policy also states that the ultimate decision by management to recommend a candidate for appointment as an executive officer shall be made on merit and the contribution the candidate can bring to the position.



The CGN Committee tracks the following information on an annual basis and presents it to the Board:

CURRENT STATUS OF REPRESENTATION OF WOMEN <sup>(1)</sup>	NUMBER OF WOMEN	TOTAL NUMBER	WOMEN AS A % OF TOTAL
Board Members	2	7	29%
Executive Officers <sup>(2)</sup> – Lucara Diamond Corp.	2	5	40%
Executive Officers – Lucara Botswana Proprietary Limited	3	5	60%

(1) Following the appointment of all the nominated directors

(2) Executive Officer means an individual who is:

- a chair, vice-chair or president;
- a chief executive officer or chief financial officer;
- a vice-president in charge of a principal business unit, division or function including sales, finance or production; or performing a policy-making function.

Pursuant to the Diversity Policy, the CGN Committee is mandated to discuss targets for promoting diversity and make recommendations to the Board. In 2022, the Board set a target that at least 30% of the board members shall be women. With the appointment of Melissa Harmon to the Board in February 2025 and should all seven proposed nominees be appointed, that target will substantially be achieved with 29% of the board members being women. No changes to this target are foreseen for 2025. Two of the nominees for election to the Board at the 2025 AGM are women, evidencing the Company's commitment to increasing Board diversity and recognizing that the Board's background should represent a variety of backgrounds, experiences and skills.

With regards to a gender diversity objective for executive officer positions, the CGN Committee did not recommend a specific target be set for 2025. Currently 40% of the Company's executive officers are women and 60% of the executive officers of the Company's major operating subsidiary, Lucara Botswana Proprietary Limited ("Lucara Botswana"), are women. The CGN Committee recommended, and the Board agreed, that any executive officer appointments in the future be reviewed with the level of representation of women in executive officer positions in mind and consistent with the Diversity Policy, that management of the Company, as part of the hiring process of Executive Officers: (i) actively seek out women having the necessary skills, knowledge and experience to evaluate as potential candidates; and (ii) appointments be made based on a balance of criteria, including the merit and experience of the candidate plus the needs of the Company at the relevant time.

Currently there are no set targets for the level of ethnic diversity at either the Board or at the Executive level. Four of the five executives at Lucara Botswana are Black. Pursuant to the terms of the Diversity Policy, the CGN Committee is responsible for monitoring the policy and reporting to the Board on the achievement of any targets set and it is also responsible to review the policy and make recommendations on changes to the Diversity Policy to the Board.

## 3.12 DETERMINATION OF DIRECTORS' COMPENSATION

The Compensation Committee recommends the amount and form of the compensation of directors. In making recommendations to the Board, it considers the time commitment and responsibilities required to be met by directors. The Compensation Committee is also cognizant that the recommended compensation for directors must not compromise their independence. In 2021, the Compensation Committee retained Global Governance Advisors ("GGA") to perform a compensation benchmarking exercise for the Executive Team and Board of Lucara and to evaluate and make recommendations with respect to the Company's Peer Group, and a further benchmarking exercise is planned for 2025. GGA worked with the Compensation Committee and collaborated with key executives, including the CEO and Chief Financial Officer ("CFO"), to provide a summary of relevant trends and benchmarking in each major aspect of remuneration to assist the Company in remaining competitive. GGA assessed the market competitiveness of executive and director compensation through a benchmarking exercise that considered several similar sized mining and development companies. This benchmarking exercise compared Lucara to fourteen other publicly traded companies of a similar size and industry (mining and development) using compensation information from GGA's proprietary database. GGA's work was intended to supplement and update the comprehensive review



of executive compensation conducted for Lucara in 2019. The Compensation Committee received an informal update from GGA in December 2023 where compensation practices and trends were discussed and compared to Lucara's existing practice.

The Board determines the amount and form of director compensation after considering recommendations received from the Compensation Committee. No changes to director compensation were recommended for 2025. This information is disclosed in this Circular starting on page 52.

## 3.13 DIRECTOR RETIREMENT POLICY AND TERM LIMITS

The Board has not adopted a retirement policy or limits relating to the time a director can serve. The following sets out the tenure for the seven individuals nominated for election to the Board:

# OF DIRECTORS	TENURE (YEARS)
1	18
1	5
1	3
2	1
1	0
Average Tenure (excluding the Executive Director)	4.67
1 (Executive Director)	2

The Board recognizes that term limits can ensure Board refreshment and new perspectives. However, one of Lucara's long-serving directors has significant in-depth knowledge of Lucara and its business and he is highly valued for his expertise. Long-serving directors can provide historical context for consideration in corporate strategic decision making. In addition, these directors have industry connections which are very important to Lucara. The Board believes the risk of imposing director term limits and thereby losing long-serving directors who have in-depth knowledge and understanding of the Company will not serve the best interests of Lucara or its Shareholders. In addition, the Board believes that its assessment process, which includes regular evaluations of the Board and committees, and an annual evaluation of each individual director provides a mechanism to promote Board renewal and regularly assess Board members' effectiveness. In 2024, two new directors were elected, and in 2025, one new director was appointed prior to the 2025 AGM, thereby generating Board renewal organically. If all nominees are elected at the Meeting, five of the seven directors (71%) will have been elected to the Board since 2022.

## 3.14 COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD

To assist the Board with its responsibilities, the Board has established four standing committees: the Audit Committee, the Compensation Committee, the CGN Committee, and the ESG Committee. The Board may form other committees from time to time as appropriate to address matters the Company faces. Each Committee has a written mandate, and it reviews its mandate annually. Also, as discussed above, each Committee has a work outline for the year which covers standard items to be dealt with at the committee meetings and any additional items for that year. The following is a brief summary of the key functions, roles and responsibilities of each of the Board committees.

### Audit Committee

The Audit Committee consists of three independent directors. As of the record date, the members were lan Gibbs (Chair), David Dicaire and Peter O'Callaghan. Mr. Gibbs meets the definition of a financial expert, and all the members are deemed financially literate as such terms are defined in NI 52-110. Should all the nominated directors be elected, it is expected that Melissa Harmon will be appointed to the Audit Committee to replace Mr. Dicaire who is not standing for re-election to the Board.



The Audit Committee represents the Board in discharging its responsibility relating to the accounting, reporting and financial practices of the Company and its subsidiaries, and has general responsibility for oversight of internal controls, accounting and auditing activities and legal compliance of the Company and its subsidiaries.

The Audit Committee assists the Board in its oversight of Lucara's operations (including the operations of its active subsidiaries) in the following areas:

### a) Oversight of the Company's external auditors

The Audit Committee is responsible for making recommendations regarding the appointment, compensation, retention, or discharge of the independent public accountants as auditors of the Company (the "auditors") who perform the annual audit in accordance with applicable securities laws, and who shall be ultimately accountable to the Board through the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee must preapprove all auditing services and non-audit services provided to the Company by the auditors to the extent and in the manner required by applicable law or regulation.

## b) Oversight of the accounting, reporting and financial practises of the Company

- The Audit Committee reviews with management and the external auditors, significant financial reporting issues, the conduct and results of the annual audit, and significant finance, accounting and disclosure policies and other financial matters;
- The Audit Committee also oversees the financial reporting processes of the Company by reviewing the Company's core disclosure documents, which include the annual and interim financial statements, MD&A and annual information form, before recommending these documents for approval by the Board; and
- iii) The Audit Committee reviews the Company's policies and practices with respect to cash management, insurance, related parties and taxation.

### c) Oversight of the Company's risks and risk disclosure

The Audit Committee exercises an oversight function with respect to the Company's risk disclosure, including material climate-change related risks and management's assessment of current and potential impacts from material climate-change related risks as those may affect the Company's assets, liabilities, revenues, and expenses over the short, medium and long-term as well as forward-looking information reported.

### d) Governance

The Audit Committee:

- i) Verifies that management has procedures in place that facilitate compliance with laws relating to insider trading and continuous disclosure;
- ii) Establishes procedures for the receipt, retention and treatment of complaints received by the Company regarding the audit or other accounting matters;
- iii) Monitors and assesses the Company's voluntary disclosure to ensure that all material information which requires disclosure is also included in the Company's regulatory filings; and
- iv) Oversees and annually reviews the Company's Code of Business Conduct and Ethics (see "*Ethical Business Conduct*" beginning on page 33 of this Circular).

For additional information about the Audit Committee, including the Audit Committee Charter, see "Audit Committee Information" in Lucara's Annual Information Form dated March 31, 2025, which is available on the Company's website or on SEDAR+ at <u>www.sedarplus.ca</u>.



## Information regarding PwC

PwC have been Lucara's auditors since 2010. In 2020, the Company's annual audit was put to tender to several audit firms qualified in both Canada and Botswana. Following the tender process, the Audit Committee recommended that PwC be re-appointed as the Company's auditor for the ensuing year.

The Audit Committee pre-approves all services provided by PwC. The fees paid to PwC during 2023 and 2024 were as follows:

FISCAL YEAR ENDING	AUDIT FEES CAD\$(1)	AUDIT-RELATED FEES CAD\$(2)	TAX FEES CAD\$ <sub>(3)</sub>	ALL OTHER FEES(4)
December 31, 2024	505,000	72,000	Nil	Nil
December 31, 2023	329,000	69,000	Nil	Nil

(1) Audit fees represent the aggregate fees billed by the Company's auditors for audit services, rounded to the nearest thousand dollars.

- (2) Audit-related fees represent the aggregate fees billed for assurance and related services by the Company's auditors that are reasonably related to the performance of the audit or review of the Company's financial statements and not disclosed in the Audit Fees column, rounded to the nearest thousand dollars.
- (3) Tax fees represent the aggregate fees billed for professional services rendered by the Company's external auditor for tax compliance, tax advice and tax planning.
- (4) All other fees represent the aggregate of fees billed for products and services provided by the Company's auditors other than services reported under clauses (1), (2) and (3) above.

### Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee

As of the record date, the members of the CGN Committee were all independent directors, namely Peter J. O'Callaghan (Chair, independent as of January 2023 following his retirement from Blakes), Paul Conibear and Sheila Colman. No changes to the composition of the CGN Committee are foreseen.

The CGN Committee is responsible for developing and monitoring the Company's approach to corporate governance issues. The CGN Committee assists the Board in the following areas:

### a) Board effectiveness

The CGN Committee oversees the effective functioning of the Board, takes steps to support the Board functioning independently of management, identifies possible nominees for the Board, develops an orientation program for new recruits to the Board and provides, with the assistance of management, director education opportunities. It has also set up a system for an annual review of the Company's material policies by applicable Board committees.

## b) Board structure

The CGN Committee annually reviews and makes recommendations to the Board with respect to: (i) the appointment of a lead director if the Chair is not independent; (ii) the size and composition of the Board; (iii) the appropriateness of the committees of the Board; and (iv) committee appointments.

### c) Diversity and inclusion

The CGN Committee has been mandated under the Board and Executive Officer Diversity and Inclusion Policy to perform certain functions as described on pages 26 and 27 of this Circular under the section *"Diversity & Inclusion - Executive Officers and Board."* The CGN Committee delivers this annual statement on corporate governance to the Board for inclusion in the Circular.

### d) Governance oversight

The CGN Committee is responsible for completing an annual review of the Board's mandate and its own mandate, considering existing corporate governance trends, and if necessary recommending changes for Board approval. Also on an annual basis, the CGN Committee reviews the Company's policies and



procedures to ensure ongoing applicability. The CGN Committee is responsible for preparing or reviewing any disclosure that must be made or approved by the Board that relates to corporate governance matters.

#### Compensation Committee

As of the record date, the Compensation Committee consisted entirely of independent directors, namely Paul Conibear (Chair), Sheila Colman and Ian Gibbs. No changes to the composition of the Compensation Committee are foreseen.

The Compensation Committee assists the Board in the following areas:

#### a) CEO compensation

The Compensation Committee is responsible for evaluating the performance of the CEO in light of preestablished corporate goals and objectives, and for making recommendations to the Board with respect to compensation levels (including the award of any cash short-term incentives or share ownership opportunities).

#### b) Named Executive Officer compensation

The Compensation Committee is responsible for evaluating the performance of the Named Executive Officer compensation considering pre-established corporate goals and objectives, and for making recommendations to the Board with respect to compensation levels (including the award of any cash short-term incentives or share ownership opportunities).

#### c) Director compensation

To make recommendations to the Board with respect to the adequacy and form of the compensation and benefits of the directors in their capacity as directors so as to ensure that such compensation realistically reflects the responsibilities and risks involved in being an effective director.

### d) Succession planning

To establish succession planning for the CEO and oversee the Company's succession planning process.

## e) Corporate goals and objectives

The Compensation Committee is responsible for reviewing and approving corporate goals and objectives relevant to executive compensation.

#### f) Incentive compensation plans

The Compensation Committee considers the implementation of short and long-term incentive plans, including equity-based plans, proposed by management, and makes recommendations to the Board with respect to these plans. The Compensation Committee reviews the Company's incentive compensation plan annually after their implementation and is responsible for reviewing any other benefit plans proposed by management and to make recommendations to the Board with respect to their implementation.

The Compensation Committee is responsible for approving share-based compensation grants including Options, and SUs, including restricted share units ("RSUs") and performance share units ("PSUs") as applicable, to new and existing employees of the Company and/or its subsidiaries in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Company's Shareholder approved share-based compensation plans.

### Environmental, Social and Governance Committee

As of the record date, the ESG Committee consisted of a majority of independent directors, being Sheila Colman (Chair), David Dicaire and William Lamb. William Lamb is the Company's President and CEO and is not independent. It was determined that Mr. Lamb's knowledge of the operations of the Company and previous mining experience would assist the Committee in fulfilling its mandate. Should all the nominated directors be elected, it is it is expected that Melissa Harmon will be appointed to the ESG Committee to replace Mr. Dicaire who is not standing for re-



election to the Board. The ESG Committee assists the Board in its oversight of Lucara's operations (including the operations of its active subsidiaries) in the following areas:

#### a) Safety, health, environment, and community risks

The Committee will review the effectiveness of the Company's policies and the ESG management system for identifying and managing safety, health, environmental and community risks.

#### a) Climate-related risks and opportunities

The Committee will review the Company's identification, quantification and disclosure of climate-related risks, opportunities and financial impacts and the activities of Lucara Botswana Proprietary Limited's Climate Action Working Group.

#### b) Compliance with applicable legal and regulatory requirements

The Committee will review the Company's policies and ESG management system for ensuring compliance with applicable safety, health, environmental, legal and regulatory requirements.

# c) Performance in relation to safety, health, environmental, community relations and climate change matters

The Committee will receive reports from management and review the Company's ESG performance (including its operating subsidiaries performance) having regard to the safety, health, environmental, community, and climate change consequences of decisions and actions, including the impacts on employees and third parties and on the reputation of the Company.

#### d) The performance and leadership of the safety, health, environment, and community relations function.

The Committee will review the annual and longer-term ESG plans to gain assurance on progress toward the achievement of the ESG policies. The Committee will review the adequacy of resources available for the ESG function.

# e) External annual reporting in relation to safety, health, environmental, community relations, and climate change matters

The Committee will review and recommend to the Board approval of any external reports, including any sustainability reports, make recommendations on specific actions or decisions the Board should consider.

The Committee meets quarterly and provides a written report to the Board with the results of its reviews. The ESG Committee also makes recommendations on specific actions or decisions the Board should consider.

## 3.15 APPROACH TO ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL AND GOVERNANCE MATTERS

LUCARA'S APPROACH TO ENVIRONMENT, SOCIAL & GOVERNANCE MATTERS				
	Using innovation, creating value, making a difference across the diamond industry			
Mission	Lucara believes that sustainability is a long-term commitment that requires focus and discipline to help drive continuous improvements in all areas of our business and is fundamental to our success as an organization and in delivering broad based, lasting economic and social benefits to all our stakeholders and the communities in which we live and work.			
Values	Respect We respect and listen to our people, our communities, and our local governments. Health & Safety What we do at work, we do at home.			



	Transparency & Trustworthy Communicating with openness and honesty.
	<b>Collaboration</b> Creating positive economic and social benefits; partnering with our communities.
	Integrity Delivering on our promises and commitments.
	<b>Pursuing Excellence</b> Contribute to the Lundin Group's history of success and excellence.
Strategy	In 2024 Lucara developed a new five-year Sustainability Strategy. The Sustainability Strategy is focused on five pillars: 1) Transparent Leadership, 2) Engaged Workforce, 3) Health Environment, 4) Empowered Communities, and 5) Responsible Mining and centred around the vision statement: <i>"To create an enduring positive legacy in Botswana through sustainable and responsible diamond mining."</i>
Environment	Lucara is committed to sustainable development and continuous improvement. This requires us to apply the precautionary principle in all our planning. Thorough environmental and social impact assessments assist us in developing robust management systems and plans that minimize adverse impacts and identify and maximize opportunities for sustainable investments.
	Our commitments are set out in our Environmental Policy, which is reviewed annually and was last updated in August 2024. A copy of the Environmental Policy can be found on our website ( <u>Link</u> ).
Social	Lucara's contributions extend beyond the creation of jobs. Through collaboration and partnerships, Lucara's investments in sustainable initiatives are aimed at strengthening local communities.
	Our commitments are set out in our CSR Charter, which we review every two years, and which was last updated in August 2024. A copy of the CSR Charter can be found on our website ( <u>Link</u> ). In addition, we publish a Sustainability Report annually ( <u>Link</u> ).
Governance	We have adopted and apply good international corporate governance principles aligned with our values and the requirements of publicly listed mining companies.
	Corporate responsibility is central to our strategic and operational thinking. We cannot sustain good financial and operational performance without simultaneously achieving our objectives in health and safety, environmental stewardship, human resource development, and community investment.

## 3.16 ETHICAL BUSINESS CONDUCT

The Company is committed to conducting its business in compliance with the law and the highest ethical standards. Accordingly, the Board has adopted a written *Code of Business Conduct and Ethics* (the "Code") for directors, officers, and employees (including contractors) of the Company. The Code was most recently amended in March 2020 when the Board approved certain amendments to the Code to add a new section on Crime and Money Laundering Prevention (clause 4 of the Code). This addition was included to better align with the regulatory requirements in Botswana and Canada which arise for Lucara as a seller of rough diamonds. The Code is available on the Company's website and has been filed on and is accessible through SEDAR+ at www.sedarplus.ca.

If directors, officers, or employees observe or become aware of an actual or potential violation of the Code or of any law or regulation, whether committed by the Company's employees or by others associated with the Company they have the responsibility to report the violation and to cooperate with any investigation. Reports may be submitted on a confidential basis to the Chair of the Company's Audit Committee. Following receipt of any complaints, the Audit Committee will oversee the investigation of each matter so reported and report to the Board. The Company



will not tolerate any reprisals against employees, officers and directors for good faith reporting of compliance concerns or violations.

The Audit Committee has the primary authority and responsibility for the enforcement of the Code, subject to the supervision of the Board. It reviews the Code on an annual basis and makes recommendations regarding compliance monitoring. Online training sessions on compliance with the Code are conducted through a third-party service provider to enhance understanding and promote compliance with the Code. All employees and contractors at the Company's Karowe mine in Botswana, as well as at the head office of its subsidiary, Lucara Botswana Proprietary Limited and all the Company's directors, executive officers and employees are expected to complete this training.

With regards to conflicts, all directors have an obligation to act in the best interest of the Company. In accordance with the Code, any situation that presents an actual or potential conflict between a director's personal interests and the interests of the Company must be reported to the Chair of the Company's Audit Committee. In addition, the Company's Articles contain disclosure and voting restrictions that must be followed when a director or officer has an interest in an agreement or transaction with the Company being considered by the Board. The Audit Committee is mandated to review and monitor all related third-party contracts that may be entered into by the Company.

In addition to the Code, the Audit Committee has established a Policy and Procedures for the Receipt, Retention and Treatment of Complaints Regarding Accounting or Auditing Matters or "*Whistleblower Policy*" to encourage contractors, employees, officers, and directors to raise concerns regarding accounting, internal controls or auditing matters, on a confidential basis free from discrimination, retaliation or harassment.

Another example of the Board's commitment to the highest ethical standards is the Company's Corporate Social Responsibility Charter. The Charter specifies, among other things, that Lucara will impact positively on the quality of life of members of the local community and conduct its activities to meet or exceed standards in the protection and promotion of human rights. As part of our commitment to promoting open dialogue with a broad range of stakeholders across our operations, the Company conducts an annual sustainability reporting process. This process is monitored by the ESG Committee and historically has utilized the Global Reporting Initiatives 4 ("GRI 4") guidelines. In 2022, the Company adopted the updated Sustainability Accounting Standards Board ("SASB") Standards. The Company's Sustainability Report for the 2024 fiscal year (to be published mid-2025) will adhere to the SASB Standards, with reference to GRI 4, and will continue to incorporate the recommendations of the Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures. The annual Sustainability Report is intended to share the Company's approach to ESG matters. The report provides information on several areas, including the Company's financial, operational, and social performance (social performance includes, for example, an evaluation of the Company's impact on human rights), updates on our community projects, details on our tailings storage facilities and environmental data related to our use of water and energy and our greenhouse gas emissions. Information on dust and air quality, land management, reclamation activities and biodiversity is also included in the annual Sustainability Report. This monitoring of ESG assists the Company in conducting its business to meet high ethical standards.

In 2020, the Company adopted a *Responsible Mining Policy* which outlines the actions the Company is taking to address ESG issues, as well as the objective of planning for a positive legacy. In 2021, and most recently reviewed in August 2024, the Company introduced a *Human Rights Policy* which is available on its website.

In 2016, Lucara became a member of the Responsible Jewellery Council (the "RJC"), a not-for-profit standard setting organization, which defines responsible ethical, human rights, social and environmental practices for businesses in the jewellery supply chain via a Code of Practices. In 2021 and more recently as part of the RJC recertification process in 2024, Lucara was independently audited against the RJC Code of Practices (2019), including our representations related to diamond provenance. In 2024, we received our RJC member recertification, valid until 2027 and the Company also updated its Provenance Claim which can be found on its website (Link). Further information on the RJC and its Code of Practices can be found at www.responsiblejewellery.com.

Lucara is also a registered participant in the United National Global Compact ("UNGC"), the world's largest corporate sustainability initiative. As a participant, Lucara is committed to implement and advocate the principles of the UNGC on human rights, labour, environment, and anti-corruption. Further information on the UNGC and their stated principles can be found at <u>www.unglobalcompact.org</u>.



## 3.17 DIFFERENCES FROM SWEDISH CORPORATE GOVERNANCE CODE

Lucara has a secondary listing on the Nasdaq First North Growth Market exchange, however as its primary exchange is the TSX it follows the Corporate Governance rules applicable to a TSX listed company under Canadian securities laws ("Canadian Corporate Governance Rules"). There are differences between Shareholder rights in Sweden and Canadian Corporate Governance Rules. A description of the key differences is on Lucara's website.

## 3.18 SHAREHOLDER COMMUNICATIONS

Structures are in place to promote effective communication between the Company, its Shareholders, and the public. The Company has established a *Disclosure Policy* which is available on its website or on SEDAR+ at <u>www.sedarplus.ca</u>. This Policy sets out the internal structure that Lucara has established to effectively manage the dissemination of material information. In addition, the Company's investor relations group responds to Shareholder concerns on an individual basis. Shareholders are informed of corporate developments by the issuance of timely press releases which are concurrently posted to Lucara's website and SEDAR+.

Shareholders or other interested parties may communicate directly with the Chair of the Board, the Chair of the Audit Committee and other independent directors by writing to them at Lucara's registered office, at the following address (envelopes should be marked Confidential and addressed to the attention of the appropriate party):

Lucara Diamond Corp., Suite 3500, 1133 Melville Street, Vancouver, BC V6E 4E5, Canada

## **SECTION 4 – EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION**

## 4.1 2024 REPORT ON EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

#### **Objectives**

The goal of Lucara's executive compensation philosophy is to structure remuneration packages that are sufficiently attractive to recruit, retain and motivate qualified, high calibre executives.

Lucara's compensation practices are based on a pay-for-performance philosophy in which assessment of performance is based on the Company's financial and operational performance as well as individual contributions.

The compensation program is designed to reward each executive based on corporate and individual performance and is also designed to incentivize such executives to drive the organization's growth in a sustainable and prudent way long-term.

The following key principles guide the Company's overall compensation philosophy:

- Be sufficiently attractive to recruit, retain and motivate qualified, high calibre executives;
- Provide executives with compensation that is in accordance with existing market standards;
- Align the interests of Lucara's executives with those of its shareholders; and
- Link individual executive compensation to the performance of both Lucara and the individual executive.

Lucara's compensation philosophy has been designed to:

- Provide competitive base salaries that are targeted around the median (P50) of the Peer Group (defined herein); and
- Provide a market competitive incentive opportunity (through short and long-term incentives) that targets the median of the Peer Group with the ability to earn higher compensation closer to the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile for superior performance.

#### Elements of Compensation and Reward Structure

Executive compensation is comprised of three elements:

1. <u>Base salaries</u>. This is the basic method of compensating executives. Base salaries are reviewed using a comparator group (see Compensation Benchmarking described below), thereby enabling the Company to



compete for and retain executives critical to the Company's long-term success. Lucara's executives have employment contracts which entitle them to receive a base salary provided they fulfil the job responsibilities associated with their position description. As payment of base salaries does not depend on the performance of any specific targets or goals it is not viewed as "at risk" compensation.

- 2. Short-term Incentives ("STIP"). Executives have no contractual right to a short-term incentive payment and as such, this form of compensation is clearly "at risk". Such payments are made solely in the discretion of the Board. Short-term incentives are considered by the Board on the recommendation of the Compensation Committee. The decision by the Compensation Committee to recommend payment of short-term incentives is based on executives meeting agreed and pre-approved criteria. For the 2024 fiscal year, a "Balanced Scorecard" approach was again used as this type of plan more commonly aligns with market practices (see the Short-Term Incentive Program Framework described in the section "Performance Goals" on page 38). The Board uses the payment of short-term incentives to motivate and reward executives for meeting short-term performance goals which benefit the Company.
- 3. Long-term Incentives ("LTIP"). The Company's performance-based equity incentives include Options, RSUs and PSUs. The PSU grants in February 2024 represented 50% of the LTIP granted, with RSUs representing 25% and Options representing 25%. All equity-based incentives are administered by the Board. The Compensation Committee makes annual recommendations to the Board for grants of Options and SUs following the applicable year end and considers previous grants when determining award levels. The awards are made based on corporate and personal performance achievements for the previous year. This basis for providing grants is to ensure that an executive who demonstrates high performance in exceeding goals will over the long-term receive higher level of awards and the strong performance of the Company will result in executives receiving equity grants which have a higher value over the long-term. This form of compensation aligns the interests of executive officers with the longer-term interests of Shareholders as the exercise price of Options cannot be set below the market value of the Company's shares at the time of the grant. As Options and SUs vest over time they are an important executive retention strategy for Lucara. Options and SUs are another form of compensation that is "at risk".

The Company recognizes that its compensation package must be sufficient to attract and retain the right level of skill, expertise, and talent in an increasingly competitive global market. The structure of the remuneration package must be well-balanced across short-, medium- and long-term elements, so that it is both attractive to the individual and cost effective for the Company.

In summary, Lucara uses base salary compensation to reward executives for effectively fulfilling their employment responsibilities, short-term incentives to reward executives for achieving short-term performance goals and sharebased awards, consisting of Options, RSUs and PSUs as a retention strategy and to reward executives for the achievement of the Company's long-term business strategy. By providing base salary at a competitive level the Company can attract talented candidates. However, the short-term incentive provides executives with the opportunity to achieve a higher total annual reward through their own delivery of excellence at individual and business levels. Finally, the longer-term reward element (share-based awards), provides the opportunity to build ownership and better align with shareholder interests.

### Compensation Benchmarking

### Peer Group

In 2021, a compensation survey was completed by GGA (as defined above), an external firm retained by Lucara's Compensation Committee to conduct a compensation benchmarking exercise for its executive team and Board (the "2021 GGA Report"). The Compensation Committee uses the 2021 GGA Report, escalated for inflation, when making recommendations to the Board on executive compensation, with a view to structuring the Company's executive compensation for continued alignment to the market and shareholder interests. The Compensation Committee reviewed GGA's 2023 Annual Mining Salary Survey as part of its review and recommendations for director and executive compensation recommendations for 2024.



A compensation peer comparator group of mining companies was developed by GGA (the "Peer Group") using the following criteria:

- Companies of a fairly similar size to Lucara (0.25x to 4x), primarily from a market capitalization perspective, but also taking into account other factors such as total revenue and total assets;
- Companies with operations in similar geographical locations to Lucara to account for geographic risk;
- Companies mining for precious metals (specifically diamonds), where possible;
- Companies who are operational and not exclusively in the exploration stage; and
- Companies currently operating a single mining asset.

A review of Lucara's Peer Group was completed in 2023 by GGA. Data from companies of a similar size to Lucara from within GGA's proprietary mining database was provided to the Compensation Committee as a "reality check" of the primary Peer Group data.

The 2023 GGA Peer Group was as follows:

	COMPANY NAME	SYMBOL	STOCK EXCHANGE
1.	Burgundy Diamond Mines Ltd.	BDM	ASX
2.	Caledonia Mining Corporation	PLCCMCL	NYSE, LSE
3.	Calibre Mining Corp.	CXB	TSX
4.	Galiano Gold Inc.	GAU	TSX, NYSE
5.	Gem Diamonds Ltd.	GEMD	LSE
6.	Giyani Metals Corp.	EMM	TSX-V
7.	Jaguar Mining Inc.	JAG	TSX
8.	Karora Resources Inc.	KRR	TSX
9.	Mandalay Resources Corp.	MND	TSX
10.	Mountain Province Diamonds Inc.	MPVD	TSX, NASDAQ
11.	Petra Diamonds Limited	PDL	LSE
12.	Platinum Group Metals Ltd.	PTM	TSX (NYSE: PLG)
13.	Robex Resources Inc.	RBX	TSX
14.	Shanta Gold Ltd.	SHG	AIM
15.	Thor Explorations Ltd.	THX	TSX-V, AIM

In determining compensation levels and performance-based awards for 2024, the Compensation Committee used data from the Peer Group and other available information. The Compensation Committee also considered the following objectives:

- Total direct compensation to be targeted around the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile of the Peer Group;
- Reviewing the benchmark allocation between Base Salary, STIP and LTIP recommended by GGA, maintaining a greater weighting of "at-risk" compensation;
- A greater weighting towards RSUs (at 60% of target LTIP), with the remaining award split equally between PSUs and Options; and
- Consideration of past practice (adjusted for actual performance) for the size and value of proposed sharebased awards, including key person retention incentives.

#### Benchmarking Executive Salaries

To develop its recommendations to the Board related to executive compensation, the Compensation Committee reviewed:

- 1. GGA's 2023 Global Mining Compensation Survey Report;
- 2. the 2021 GGA Report which was prepared specifically for Lucara and included a peer group analysis, an evaluation of Total Direct Compensation ("TDC") (base salary plus short-term incentive and long-term



incentive) levels and a high-level analysis of Lucara's short and long-term incentive design practices relative to the market.

Following a review of this information, the Compensation Committee recommended, and the Board approved, TDC targeted at the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile of the 2021 GGA Report Peer Group, with escalation applied for the period of time.

For fiscal 2024, no changes were made to executive salaries given the appointments and changes in 2023 and 2024.

#### Benchmarking Director Compensation

The 2021 GGA Report was used for a review of director compensation. This review indicated that director cash compensation was comparable to that of the Peer Group but, due to the lack of equity compensation, overall director compensation was less than market. The 2021 GGA Report highlighted that more than 2/3rds of Lucara's Peer Group provided equity compensation to directors, typically in the form of DSUs. The Company adopted the DSU Plan in February 2020. This plan was subsequently approved by shareholders at annual meetings in May 2020 and most recently amended in May 2023. Directors may elect to take up to 100% of their cash compensation in the form of DSUs.

For fiscal 2024, no changes were recommended for director cash compensation, which has remained unchanged since 2017.

#### Performance Goals

Since 2020, the Company has utilized a "Balanced Scorecard" plan design to determine STIP payments for executives. This change was made to better align the Company's STIP with the leveraged plan design more commonly used by the Company's peers.

EXECUTIVE – 2024 STIP OPPORTUNITY	THRESHOLD	TARGET	SUPERIOR
President and Chief Executive Officer – William Lamb	40%	80%	120%
Chief Financial Officer – Glenn Kondo	30%	60%	90%
Vice President, Mineral Resources – Lauren Freeman	25%	50%	75%

For 2024, the "Balanced Scorecard" included three metrics critical to the achievement of the Company's goals that were measured as part of the "Corporate" Key Performance Indicators ("KPIs"). Specific performance criteria for each of "threshold", "target" and "superior" performance were developed for these three key metrics:

- Environment, health, safety and social ("EHSS");
- Revenue, production and cost; and
- Karowe Underground Project (the Karowe "UGP").

#### Alignment of Compensation Programs and Risk Management

Risk management is a primary consideration of the Board when implementing its compensation program. The compensation program is structured to reduce the focus on short-term results and excessive risk taking by implementing the following strategies:

- Payments of short-term incentives, if any, are not made until performance goals have been met. Managing risk in the areas of safety, environmental and corporate social responsibility is extremely important to Lucara and hence the Company's record on safety, environmental and corporate social responsibility is an important factor when considering short-term incentives.
- The Board implemented a claw-back of compensation that applies to all annual short-term incentive payments awarded on or after January 1, 2017. The claw-back applies to the officers of the Company and provides the Company with the discretion to recover a short-term incentive payment in the event it is found that the achievements relating to such payment involved fraud, theft, or other intentional illegal conduct on such officers' part.



- Commencing in 2019, the Board recommended that a claw-back provision also be applied to long-term incentive awards earned by officers of the Company. On March 20, 2019, the Board approved the inclusion of this claw-back provision and certain other amendments to the incentive Stock Option Plan.
- The Company's Stock Option Plan includes vesting provisions over time which reduces the risk of short-term decision making. The Board sets standard vesting terms on Option grants which align optionees' interests with longer term growth of the Company, using a 4 or 5-year term and 36-month vesting provisions such that the first third of the Options vest one year after grant, the second third vest two years after the grant date and the final third vest three years from the grant date. The Options granted in 2023 cliff vest after three years (in February 2026) and have a five-year term to align with key milestone dates for the Karowe UGP.
- Pursuant to the terms of the Company's Share Unit Plan, RSUs do not vest until three years after the date of the award which reduces the risk of short-term decision making. On March 18, 2020, the Board approved the inclusion of a claw-back provision and certain other amendments to the Share Unit Plan. This covers both RSU and PSU awards.
- Beginning in February 2020, the Company incorporated PSUs as a component of the Company's LTIP. Under the terms of the Company's Share Unit Plan, the number of PSUs that ultimately vest will be dependent on the achievement of pre-established metrics. Beginning with the grant of PSUs in 2022 up to and including the PSUs grants in 2024, 50% of the PSU's granted are measured on total shareholder return at the end of a three-year period, and 50% of the PSU's granted are measured on the achievement of specific, annual milestones related to the Karowe UGP. Beginning in 2025, 100% of the PSU's granted will be measured on total shareholder return at the end of the three-year period. PSU metrics have been set with the objective of alignment to shareholder interest, reducing the risk of short-term decision making.
- Board members and executive officers are not permitted to purchase financial instruments, including for greater certainty, prepaid variable forward contracts, equity swaps, collars or units of exchange funds that are designed to hedge or offset a decrease in market value of equity securities granted as compensation or held, directly or indirectly, by the director or officer.
- The Board has established share ownership guidelines for non-employee directors to demonstrate their commitment to Lucara's long-term success and to align their interests with shareholders. Non-employee directors must own or control shares with a value, calculated at the time of stock purchase or at the current share purchase price, whichever is greater, equal to twice the value of the basic annual retainer of CAD\$100,000. These shares must be acquired within four years of joining the Board. As of the date of this Circular, while not all directors standing for re-election have met the required share ownership value, they are deemed compliant as each has not reached four years since their date of appointment to the Board.
- The Board also believes it is important for senior management to have equity ownership in the Company to demonstrate their commitment to Lucara's long-term success and to align with shareholders. This is consistent with the nature of the Company's long-term incentive program which includes the issuance of both Options and SUs (only SUs count towards the share ownership requirement). Under the share ownership guidelines for executives, the ownership level should be achieved by the executive within five years of the implementation of the guidelines (the guidelines were adopted February 23, 2020), or if an officer is appointed after implementation, within five years of their appointment as an officer.

Prior to 2020, the executive share ownership requirement was a flat number of shares. The *Executive Share Ownership Guidelines* (as defined in the *Executive Share Ownership Guidelines*) were revised as of February 23, 2020 such that certain officers of the Company or its affiliates must own Qualifying Shares with a value, calculated at the time of the stock purchase or at the current share purchase price, whichever is greater, equal to a multiple of such officer's annual base salary.

Executive share ownership as of the date hereof applicable for each Named Executive Officer ("NEO") is set out in the table below:



POSITION AND MULTIPLE OF ANNUAL BASE SALARY REQUIRED	SHARE OWNERSHIP VALUE REQUIRED <sup>(1)</sup> (CAD\$)	# OF SHARES OWNED	# OF RESTRICTED SHARE UNITS GRANTED <sup>(2)</sup>	# OF PERFORMANCE SHARE UNITS GRANTED <sup>(2)</sup>	ASSESSMENT
CEO – 3.0x	2,250,000	431,467	3,817,500	2,779,167	Compliant
CFO – 1.5x	772,500	40,777	1,800,493	1,213,498	Compliant
Lucara Botswana Managing Director – 1.0x	368,000	706,739	586,938	303,979	Compliant
Lucara Botswana General Manager – 1.0x	308,000	481,755	416,635	207,212	Compliant
Vice President, Mineral Resources – 1.0x	312,000	7,368	477,172	215,057	Compliant <sup>(3)</sup>

(1) Share ownership value required is based upon the NEO's 2024 base salary.

(2) Unvested RSUs and PSUs held by the NEO count towards the achievement of the applicable ownership guideline.

(3) Under the share ownership guidelines for executives, the ownership level should be achieved by the executive within five years of appointment as an officer. The VP, Mineral Resources, while not at the required share ownership value, is compliant as she has not reached five years since the date of appointment.

#### Role of Management in Determining Compensation

The accountability for decisions on executive remuneration is within the mandate of the Board with recommendations from the Compensation Committee; however, management has a key role in helping support the Compensation Committee in fulfilling its obligations. For example, the CEO will make specific recommendations to the Compensation Committee with respect to compensation for the other executive officers of the Company that are based on the Committee's compensation philosophy and incentive programs approved by the Committee. The Board of Directors has ultimate responsibility for evaluating the CEO's performance and determining CEO compensation.

#### Composition of the Compensation Committee

The Compensation Committee, on behalf of the Board, monitors compensation for the executive officers of the Company. The Compensation Committee consists of three directors, all of whom are independent directors as of the date of the Circular. The Compensation Committee members are: Paul Conibear (Chair), Sheila Colman and Ian Gibbs. In 2024, the Compensation Committee met a total of four times with all members of the Compensation Committee being present for each meeting.

#### Skills and Experience of Compensation Committee Members

All members of the Compensation Committee have direct experience which is relevant to their responsibilities as Compensation Committee members. Two of the three members have served as the CEO for a public company, and therefore have a good understanding of how compensation works and how to motivate employees. All members have financial expertise which allows them to assess the costs versus benefits of the Company's compensation plans. The members combined experience in the resource sector provides them with the understanding of the Company's success factors and risks which is very important when determining metrics for measuring success.



The Compensation Committee members for the year ended December 31, 2024 were as follows:

NAME		EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE RELEVANT TO PERFORMANCE OF COMPENSATION COMMITTEE DUTIES
Paul K. Conibear (Committee Chair)	Yes	Mr. Conibear, an engineer, was in a senior executive role in the resource sector until mid-2018 and has extensive experience in serving as a compensation committee member with other public company boards.
Sheila M. Colman	Yes	Ms. Colman has more than 20 years of experience providing compensation governance advice to compensation committees in her capacity as Vice President Legal in the mining sector. She served as Compensation Committee Chair for Moneta Gold (TSX), (now STLLR Gold Inc.). She has undergone executive compensation training through the ICD.D Program (scheduled graduation in Q2 2025).
lan W. Gibbs	Yes	Mr. Gibbs was previously the CFO of several public resource companies and is currently the CEO of a public mining company. Over 20 years of public company financial reporting experience as CFO for publicly traded companies.

(1) A member is independent if he/she has no direct or indirect material relationship with the Company which could, in the view of the Board, reasonably interfere with the exercise of a member's independent judgement or is otherwise deemed to have a material relationship under NI 52-110.

## 4.2 COMPENSATION OF NAMED EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

Lucara's Named Executive Officers ("NEOs") for 2024 include the Company's CEO and CFO, and the three other most highly compensated executives of the Company and its subsidiaries. Two of the NEOs hold positions with Lucara's indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary, Lucara Botswana.

Glenn Kondo was appointed as CFO of the Company effective January 1, 2024. Lauren Freeman was appointed as Vice President, Mineral Resources of the Company effective July 1, 2024.

The list of NEOs for 2024 is as follows:

NAME	TITLE	DATE OF APPOINTMENT
William Lamb	President and Chief Executive Officer, Lucara	August 17, 2023
Glenn Kondo	Chief Financial Officer, Lucara	January 1, 2024
Lauren Freeman	Vice President, Mineral Resources, Lucara	July 1, 2024
Naseem Lahri	Managing Director, Lucara Botswana ("Lucara Botswana MD")	May 1, 2018 <sup>(1)</sup>
Johane Mchive	General Manager, Karowe Mine ("Lucara Botswana GM")	June 1, 2017

(1) Prior to her appointment as Managing Director, Ms. Lahri served as the CFO for Lucara Botswana.



#### 2024 Named Executive Officer Compensation Results

The Board reviewed Lucara's 2024 performance and the analysis and recommendations of the Compensation Committee and approved all decisions on executive compensation for the three NEOs who were Lucara officers in 2024: the CEO, CFO and the Vice President, Mineral Resources (the "Officer NEOs"). The Board also approved decisions, based on the CEO's and the Compensation Committee's recommendations, for the awards for long-term incentives for the Lucara Botswana MD and the Lucara Botswana GM (the "Lucara Botswana NEOs"). The Lucara CEO reviewed Lucara Botswana's performance and the individual performance of the Lucara Botswana NEOs and made decisions regarding: (i) their base salaries; and (ii) short-term incentive using a set of KPIs similar to the KPIs applicable to the assessment of performance for the Officer NEOs.

#### (i) <u>Base Salaries</u>

As discussed above under "*Benchmarking Executive Salaries*", the Compensation Committee considered benchmarking data for the Officer NEOs. The base salaries of the Officer NEOs were increased as of January 1, 2025. Officer NEO compensation is established in Canadian Dollars but paid in British Pounds Sterling for the Lucara CFO who resides in the UK.

As noted above, the Lucara Botswana NEOs are employees of the Company's subsidiary Lucara Botswana. As none of the Lucara Botswana NEOs are officers of the Company, their salaries are not reviewed by the Compensation Committee but are determined by the Company's CEO and CFO. The Lucara Botswana NEOs are compensated in Botswana Pula ("BWP").

#### (ii) <u>Long-term Incentives</u>

In determining the quantum of long-term incentive awards for the Officer NEOs, the total potential amount available to be earned was based on TDC at the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile of the Peer Group, using the 2021 GGA Report with an escalator of 4% applied to determine the value granted in February 2024, less amounts paid for base salary and the target short-term incentive. In 2024, the resulting dollar value ("LTIP Award Amount") was used to determine the number of Options and SUs granted, with a weighting of 25% to Options, 25% to RSUs and 50% to PSUs. The Compensation Committee determined that a greater weighting towards performance-based compensation would be appropriate, given the significant capital program underway at the Karowe mine in Botswana and the importance of the UGP to the Company's growth plans.

#### Stock Options

The NEOs, who were eligible to receive an award, each received Option grants in February 2025 based on their level of responsibility and their ability to impact the Company's 2024 results and towards generating long term value for the Company. The value of such Option grants, calculated using the Black-Scholes option pricing methodology, is set out below in the Summary Compensation Table on page 47 below.

#### Share Units

The Compensation Committee views the granting of SUs as an important method, when combined with the minimum share ownership levels for officers, to align senior management's interests with shareholders and to promote retention. The NEOs received SU awards in February 2025, based on a percentage of their salaries with total LTI amounts benchmarked to peers, the targeted delivery of the Company's long-term performance, their level of responsibility and their ability to impact the Company's results (the value of such awards is set out below in the Summary Compensation Table on page 47 below).

POSITION	EXECUTIVE	FEBRUARY 2025 STOCK OPTION GRANT(1)	FEBRUARY 2025 RESTRICTED SHARE UNIT AWARD(1)	FEBRUARY 2025 PERFORMANCE SHARE UNIT AWARD(1,2)	
President and CEO	William Lamb	1,250,000	1,687,500	562,500	
CFO	Glenn Kondo	715,180	965,493	321,831	



Vice President, Mineral Resources	Lauren Freeman	322,350	435,172	145,057
Lucara Botswana MD	Naseem Lahri	282,917	381,938	127,313
Lucara Botswana GM	Johane Mchive	190,100	256,635	85,545

(1) Based on 2024 performance.

(2) Actual common shares issued will depend on the achievement of the performance metrics of the grant.

Performance criteria for the awarding of Common Shares for the vesting of the above 2025 PSU awards will be based on the below criterion:

- 1. The total shareholder return of Lucara's Diamond Peer Group (100% weighting) over a three-year lookback period.
- (iii) <u>Annual Short-Term Incentives</u>

The Officer NEOs are eligible for short-term incentives following an assessment by the Compensation Committee in accordance with the Company's STIP framework for executives, which uses a "Balanced Scorecard" approach to measure achievement. Short-term incentives related to the 2024 fiscal year performance metrics were paid in April 2025.

The short-term incentive payments for the Lucara Botswana NEOs were determined by the Lucara CEO and CFO following an evaluation of performance against several operational KPIs related to safety and the environment, operational performance, financial targets and leadership.

The 2024 performance metrics and the assessment of achievement against those performance metrics for the Officer NEOs are described below.

#### Overview of 2024 Corporate Performance

The Karowe diamond mine completed its twelfth year of continuous operations and successfully delivered on all key financial and operating metrics, including safety, production, and processing with costs trending below guidance. This includes record mill throughput, better than budget operating costs, obtaining amendments to the project credit facility, and a significant turn-around performance in shaft sinking to get the Karowe UGP schedule back on track to the 2023 rebase milestones. The Company faced challenges in achieving its revenue and sales targets due to production mix, shipment timing, and market weakness. As a result, revenue aligned with the revised guidance issued in the third quarter of 2024. Revenue for the year was further supported by the sale of the Sethunya and Eva Star diamonds, which contributed to funding the Company's Cost Overrun Reserve Account. The Company successfully completed the clean down on its working capital facility in the third quarter of 2024. The Company recovered two exceptional diamonds exceeding 1,000 carats: the 2,488-carat Motswedi and the 1,094-carat Seriti.

All key operational and financial metrics from the Company's 2024 revised guidance were achieved, including 3.0 million tonnes of ore and 0.9 million tonnes of waste mined, and a record 2.9 million tonnes of ore processed.

- Revenue for the year ended December 31, 2024 totalled US\$203.9 million, including US\$54.0 million from the sale of the Sethunya and the Eva Star.
- A total of 399,215 carats were sold through the Company's three sales channels, generating revenue of US\$183.6 million before top-up payments of US\$20.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2024.
- A strong U.S. dollar helped to mitigate increases in input costs, resulting in an operating cash cost of US\$27.14 per tonne of ore processed for the year ended December 31, 2024.
- Cash flow of US\$59.6 million from operating activities.
- US\$64.7 million invested in the Karowe UGP during 2024. Several significant milestones were achieved in 2024 including:



- Shaft sinking and lateral development were the focus in both the ventilation and production shafts in 2024. At the end of 2024, the production shaft was at 731 metres below sea level and ventilation shaft was at 671 metres below sea level. The process of establishing the shaft stations and lateral connection between the two shafts (470- and 670-Levels) was completed as well as the 470-Level station development.
- Completed the construction and pre-commissioning of the permanent bulk air coolers at the production shaft.
- Construction and fabrication of the permanent man and materials winder continued, representing the last major component for the permanent winders.
- o Commenced the adjudication and review of Karowe UGP lateral development tender documents.
- Advanced mining engineering with a focus on supporting shaft sinking, underground infrastructure engineering, finalizing drilling level plans, and placed shaft steelwork orders in October 2024.

#### A. Corporate Performance Ratings

The achieved performance for the 2024 corporate KPIs was as follows:

КРІ	WEIGHTING	ACHIEVEMENT	SUMMARY ASSESSMENT
EHSS	10%	9%	Overall team performance was excellent on all majority KPI's. A total of nine compliance and recertification audits were completed in 2024. The number of certifications is currently being assessed to streamline those required for sustainable operations.
Revenue, Production and Cost	45%	38%	Production and cost metrics were met and exceeded but realized revenue was well below budget. The revenue generated, is largely outside of the managements control. Revenue is a function of the market and the quality of the diamonds recovered. During 2024, the Company recovered the second largest gem quality diamond in history weighing 2,488 carats, the Motswedi.
Karowe UGP	40%	38%	The Karowe UGP had an excellent year, with the production shaft sinking to 731 metres below sea level and the ventilation shaft sinking to 671 metres below sea level, completing 464 metres on lateral development at the 670-Level, the 470-Level and the 310- Level. Cold commissioning of the permanent bulk air coolers was completed, the auxiliary winder was installed, and significant progress was made on the man and materials winder foundations and building. Progress on the operational readiness was not at the level required. Additional steps have been taken to bring on additional resources to guide this process in 2025.
Clara	5%	5%	The Clara platform was sold to its original owners in 2024. The Company retained a 3% Net Profit Interest and also signed a minimum two-year supply agreement.
Total	100%	90%	

#### B. Individual Performance Ratings

The ratings for each of the Company's NEOs and the Lucara Botswana NEOs are set out in the table below. In making the assessment of the NEOs performance, the Compensation Committee considered the performance of the executives in their position, retention, and challenges experienced with main sinking at the Karowe UGP.



The following chart sets out the performance metrics achieved and STIP award paid to each of the NEOs and Lucara Botswana NEOs in 2024:

POSITION	EXECUTIVE	% OF STIP METRICS ACHIEVED <sup>(1)</sup>	TARGET STIP (%)	STI PAYMENT (%)	STIP PAYMENT (CAD\$) (3)
		С	В	А	
President and CEO	William Lamb	104%	80%	83%	624,000
CFO	Glenn Kondo	132%	60%	79%	407,000
Vice President, Mineral Resources (effective July 1, 2024)	Lauren Freeman	149%	50%	74%	116,000
Lucara Botswana MD	Naseem Lahri	142%	60%	85%	313,000
Lucara Botswana GM	Johane Mchive	110%	50%	55%	170,000

(1) % of STIP Metrics Achieved (C = A/B) represents the STI payment, rounded to the nearest thousand Canadian Dollars, expressed as a percentage of base salary. This percentage is then measured against the target STIP to determine the overall achievement level relative to the predefined performance metrics.

(2) As a percentage of base salary, rounded to the nearest thousand Canadian Dollars.

(3) The following conversion rates, being the Bank of Canada average rates for 2024, were used to convert the STIP payment earned by the Lucara Botswana NEOs in 2024 from the Botswana Pula into Canadian Dollars: CAD\$1.00=BWP9.89. Additionally, the exchange rates used to convert the STIP payment earned by the CFO and Vice President, Mineral Resources in 2024 were CAD\$1.00=USD\$1.43 and CAD\$1.00=GBP€1.79.

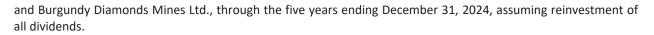
In 2024, areas of focus for each NEO were as follows:

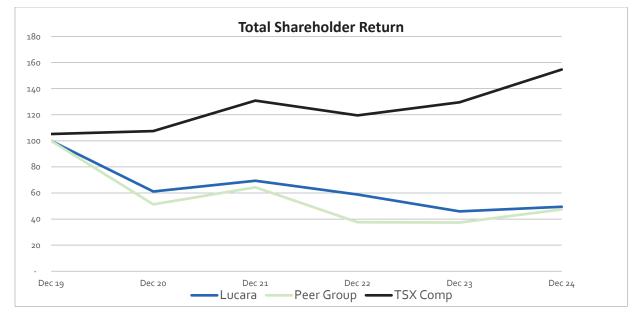
POSITION	EXECUTIVE	KEY FOCUS AREAS (INDIVIDUAL)
President and CEO	William Lamb	Overall leadership, growth, shareholder engagement
CFO	Glenn Kondo	Operations, governance, sustainability
Vice President, Mineral Resources (effective July 1, 2024)	Lauren Freeman	Operations, underground expansion, sustainability
Lucara Botswana MD	Naseem Lahri	Overall leadership, operations, government relations
Lucara Botswana GM	Johane Mchive	Operations, health, safety and sustainability

#### Performance Graph

The following graph shows the total cumulative return on a CAD\$100 investment in Common Shares from December 31, 2019 compared to the cumulative total return of the TSX Composite Index and a diamond sector index comparator group, consisting of Petra Diamonds Ltd., Mountain Province Diamonds Inc., Gem Diamonds Limited







The share performance as set out in the graph above does not necessarily indicate future price performance. Amounts in the graph above are stated in Canadian dollars. The shares trade on the TSX under the symbol "LUC".

In 2019, total NEO compensation was largely unchanged as TDC was targeted at P50 of the Company's Peer Group. The diamond industry overall experienced significant decreases in equity value and the rough diamond market remained under significant pricing pressure in late 2018 and 2019. This impact is visible in the total shareholder return in comparison to the TSX composite.

In 2020, total NEO compensation was again targeted at P50 of the Peer Group, with a greater emphasis on "at risk" compensation and a move to a "Balanced Scorecard" approach for STIP. Lucara slightly outperformed its Peer Group with strong operational results, although the 2020 financial results reflected a very challenging market for diamond equities.

From 2021 to 2023, total NEO compensation remained targeted at P50 of the Peer Group, "at risk" compensation continued to be emphasized and increased in each year and the "Balanced Scorecard" approach for STIP implemented in 2020 was further refined. Lucara has outperformed its Peer Group with strong operational results, and an exceptional safety record. Following several years without adjustment, the annual base salaries for the Officer NEOs were increased effective July 1, 2021 (former Lucara CFO) and as of January 1, 2022 for the former Lucara CEO and Lucara VP, Technical Services. An increase of 5% took effect as of January 1, 2023.

Lucara underwent several changes in NEOs in 2023 with an incoming CEO and CFO (effective January 1, 2024), and the departure of its former CEO and CFO. There was no change to the annual base salaries for the Officer NEOs in 2024.

In 2024, total NEO compensation remained targeted at P50 of the Peer Group. Additionally, "at risk" compensation continued to be a focus, and the "Balanced Scorecard" approach for STIP implemented in 2020 was further refined. Lucara has continued to outperform its Peer Group with consistent operational results and safety record. The market continues to be muted within diamond equities. In the third quarter of 2024, Lucara hired Lauren Freeman as VP, Mineral Resources with similar base salary of the departed VP, Technical Services.



## 4.3 SUMMARY COMPENSATION TABLE

NEO NAME AND PRINCIPAL POSITION	YEAR	SALARY (CAD\$)	OPTION-BASED AWARDS <sup>(2)</sup> (CAD\$)	SHARE AWARDS <sup>(3)</sup> (CAD\$)	NON-EQUITY ANNUAL INCENTIVE PLAN <sup>(4)</sup> (CAD\$)	ALL OTHER COMPENSA- TION <sup>(5)</sup> (CAD\$)	TOTAL COMPENSA- TION <sup>(1)</sup> (CAD\$)
William Lamb President and CEO	2024 2023	750,000 279,000	44,000 —	1,580,000 <sup>(6)</sup> —	624,000 300,000	8,000 —	3,006,000 579,000
Glenn Kondo CFO	2024	515,000	22,000	632,000 <sup>(7)</sup>	407,000	34,000	1,610,000
Lauren Freeman VP, Mineral Resources (effective July 1, 2024)	2024	156,000 <sup>(8)</sup>	22,000	58,000	116,000	_	352,000
Naseem Lahri Lucara Botswana MD	2024 2023 2022	368,000 347,000 346,000	40,000 32,000 31,000	43,000 188,000 192,000	313,000 267,000 257,000	116,000 110,000 109,000	880,000 944,000 935,000
Johane Mchive Lucara Botswana GM	2024 2023 2022	308,000 292,000 294,000	36,000 25,000 25,000	33,000 129,000 128,000	170,000 172,000 152,000	103,000 98,000 98,000	650,000 716,000 697,000

(1) All amounts in the Summary Compensation Table are rounded to the nearest thousand Canadian dollars. Mr. Kondo was paid in British Pounds Sterling and Ms. Freeman was paid in United States Dollars. Ms. Lahri and Mr. Mchive were paid in Botswana Pula. A fixed conversion rate of CAD\$1.00=UK£1.79 and CAD\$1.00=US\$1.38 were used to convert the salary paid to Mr. Kondo and Ms. Freeman in the table above. The following conversion rates were used to convert salary payments for presentation in Canadian Dollars:

- Financial year ended December 31, 2024 average exchange rate of Botswana Pula 1 = CAD\$0.101.
- Financial year ended December 31, 2023 average exchange rate of Botswana Pula 1 = CAD\$0.101.
- Financial year ended December 31, 2022 average exchange rate of Botswana Pula 1 = CAD\$0.105.
- (2) This column represents Options granted in the corresponding year of the table. The amounts represent the fair value, on the date of grant, of awards made under Lucara's Stock Option Plan. The value has been determined using the Black-Scholes model. The amount presented in the table represents the fair value of the vested and unvested portion of the Options granted for the period. For accounting purposes, the fair value is amortized over the applicable vesting periods. Option values are calculated in Canadian dollars. It should be recognized that the actual future value will be based on the difference between the market value at time of exercise and the exercise price. Therefore, the value attributed to the Options under the Black-Scholes model incorporates key assumptions dealing with risk free interest rate, expected stock price volatility, expected life and expected dividend yield. When determining the award value for 2024, an Option value of CAD\$0.16 was used. This compares to the Black-Scholes values of CAD\$0.13 and CAD\$0.21 which were used for accounting/presentation purposes in the table above, depending on the grant date.
- (3) This column represents SUs granted in the corresponding year of the table. The amount presented in the table represents the fair value of the SU (calculated as the fair value of one common share) as at the date of grant, presented in Canadian dollars. The Company's RSUs and PSUs vest three years from the date of grant. The share price at the date of grant were CAD\$0.36 and CAD\$0.46.
- (4) This column represents STIP awards earned in respect of the corresponding year's performance. Payment of the 2024 STIP was made in April 2025. Payment of the 2023 STIP award was made in February or March 2024. Payment of the 2022 STIP award was made in February or March 2023. STIP payments for employees of Lucara Botswana were made in Botswana Pula and translated to Canadian dollars at the rates disclosed in note (1) to the table. A fixed conversion rate of CAD\$1.00=UK£1.79 and CAD\$1.00=US\$1.43 were used to convert the STIP earned by Mr. Kondo and Ms. Freeman in the table above.
- (5) Amounts in this column typically consist of benefits greater than CAD\$50,000 or 10% of the executive's base salary which are not given to all employees. Ms. Lahri and Mr. Mchive as employees of Lucara Botswana, receive a gratuity in lieu of a pension,



calculated at 20% of base salary as well as certain allowances related to housing, vehicles, and medical insurance. The gratuity is required by law and is payable every three years.

- (6) The 2024 share awards to Mr. Lamb include 4,000,000 SUs (comprised of 2,000,000 PSUs and 2,000,000 RSUs) granted in February 2024 with a retroactive grant date of August 2023, which were awarded as compensation for his onboarding as President and CEO in August 2023. The SU grants will cliff-vest after five years (August 2028). The PSU metrics are aligned with key milestone dates for the Karowe UGP.
- (7) The 2024 share awards to Mr. Kondo include 1,500,000 SUs (comprised of 750,000 PSUs and 750,000 RSUs) granted in February 2024, which were awarded as compensation for his onboarding as CFO in 2024. The SU grants will cliff-vest after five years (February 2029). The PSU metrics are aligned with key milestone dates for the Karowe UGP.
- (8) Ms. Freeman was appointed as the Company's VP, Mineral Resources, effective July 1, 2024. The disclosed 2024 salary reflects her earnings for the period from July 1, 2024, to December 31, 2024. On an annualized basis, her salary for 2024 would have been CAD\$312,000.

#### Pension Plan Benefits

The Company does not have any defined benefit or actuarial plan for NEOs. Lucara Botswana NEOs, due to their employment in Botswana, are entitled by law to receive a gratuity equivalent to 15% of their base salary for the first three years of employment and 20% of their base salary thereafter in lieu of a pension. These amounts are accrued on an annual basis and paid every third year.

#### Liability Insurance

The Company is obligated to provide all NEOs with liability insurance appropriate to the nature of their responsibilities.

#### Termination and Change of Control Benefits – NEOs

Except as disclosed below, all NEOs have written employment agreements with Lucara. The Lucara Botswana NEOs each have a written employment agreement with Lucara Botswana.



NAME AND TITLE	SALARY	STIP	LTIP	OTHER BENEFITS <sup>(1)</sup> / KEY TERMS	ESTIMATED TERMINATION PAYMENT <sup>(2)</sup>		
William Lamb, President and CEO	24 months	Payment equal to the average STIP award earned in the two years prior to termination. If termination occurs before the NEO has received two annual STIP payments, the payment shall be the product of the STIP target percentage and annual base salary in the year of termination.	All unvested RSUs and PSUs shall terminate within 90 days of the date of notice of termination.	Termination clauses "A" and "B"	CAD\$2,163,000 (rounded)		
Glenn Kondo, CFO	Payment equa the average S award earned ir two years prio termination. termination oc before the NEO 18 months TIP payments, payment shall b product of the target percent and annual ba salary in the yea termination		All unvested RSUs and PSUs shall terminate within 90 days of the date of notice of termination.	Termination clauses "A" and "B"	CAD\$1,121,000 (rounded)		
Lauren Freeman, VP, Mineral Resources	6 months	N/A	All restricted and performance share units will become void upon termination.	Termination clauses "A" and "B"	CAD\$167,000 (rounded)		
Termination Clause "A"	Pursuant to the employment agreement in effect on December 31, 2024, if the Lucara NEO's employment had been terminated without cause, they would have been entitled to the payment set out in the table above.						
Termination Clause "B"	Pursuant to the employment agreement in effect on December 31, 2024, if the Lucara NEO's employment had terminated their employment for "good reason" <sup>(3)</sup> , they would have been entitled to receive the compensation set out in the table above.						

(1) The CEO and CFO are entitled to a continuation of benefits for 12 months following termination.

(2) Estimated amount of cash compensation payable should the Lucara NEO's employment have been terminated on December 31, 2024.

(3) "Good Reason" includes: a material reduction in the Lucara NEO's base salary or entitlement to receive incentives, a material reduction in the scope of the Lucara NEO's services, a requirement that the Lucara NEO relocate or a material breach by the Company of the Lucara NEO's employment agreement.

(4) STIP shall not exceed the Lucara NEO's annual base salary.



#### Ms. Lahri, Lucara Botswana Managing Director

Pursuant to the employment agreement between Lucara Botswana and Ms. Lahri, if Ms. Lahri's employment is terminated without cause she will be entitled to receive a payment equal to three months' salary and a payment with respect to an accrued 20% gratuity in lieu of a pension. In addition, as her employment with Lucara Botswana is longer than two years, her Options and SUs granted in 2022 and 2023 will become fully vested in the event her employment is terminated without cause. The SUs granted in 2024 will become void upon termination. It is estimated the total value of Ms. Lahri's severance package would have been CAD\$93,500 (*rounded*) if a termination of her employment had occurred on December 31, 2024. The estimated value of share-based compensation which would have vested had her employment been terminated on December 31, 2024 would have been CAD\$25,400.

#### Mr. Mchive, Lucara Botswana General Manager

Pursuant to the employment agreement between Lucara Botswana and Mr. Mchive, if Mr. Mchive's employment is terminated without cause he will be entitled to receive a payment equal to 3 months' salary and a payment with respect to an accrued 20% gratuity in lieu of a pension. In addition, as his employment with Lucara Botswana is longer than two years, his Options and SUs granted in 2022 and 2023 will become fully vested in the event his employment is terminated without cause. SUs granted in 2024 will become void upon termination. It is estimated the total value of Mr. Mchive's severance package would have been CAD\$78,500 (*rounded*) if a termination of his employment had occurred on December 31, 2024. The estimated value of share-based compensation which would have vested had his employment been terminated on December 31, 2024 would have been CAD\$154,700.

#### Outstanding Option and Share based Awards

The following table sets forth all awards outstanding at the end of 2024 for each Officer NEO and Lucara Botswana NEO:

			OPTION-BASE	ED AWARDS		SHA	SHARE-BASED AWARDS		
NAME AND POSITION	GRANT DATE	NUMBER OF SECURITIES UNDERLYING UNEXERCISED OPTIONS (#)	OPTION EXERCISE PRICE (CAD\$)	OPTION EXPIRATION DATE	VALUE OF UNEXERCISED IN-THE- MONEY OPTIONS (CAD\$) <sup>(1)</sup>	NUMBER OF SHARES OR UNITS OF SHARES THAT HAVE NOT VESTED <sup>(3)</sup> (#)	MARKET PAYOUT VALUE OF SHARE- BASED AWARDS THAT HAVE NOT VESTED <sup>(2)</sup> (CAD\$)	MARKET PAYOUT VALUE OF SHARE- BASED AWARDS NOT PAID OUT OR DISTRIBU TED (CAD\$)	
William Lamb <i>CEO</i>	February 28, 2024	330,000	0.36 <sup>(7)</sup>	February 28, 2029	19,800	4,390,000	1,843,800	-	
Glenn Kondo <i>CFO</i>	February 28, 2024	215,000	0.36 <sup>(7)</sup>	February 28, 2029	12,900	1,755,000	737,100	-	
Lauren Freeman VP, Mineral Resources	October 7, 2024	105,000	0.46 <sup>(8)</sup>	October 7, 2029	-	126,000	52,920	_	
Naseem Lahri	February 25, 2021	120,000	0.79 <sup>(4)</sup>	February 25, 2025	-	-	-	-	
Lucara Botswana MD	February 28, 2022	125,000	0.66 <sup>(5)</sup>	February 28, 2026	-	233,334	98,000	-	
	February 27, 2023	125,000	0.57 <sup>(6)</sup>	February 27, 2028	-	303,333	127,400	-	



			OPTION-BASI	ED AWARDS		SHARE-BASED AWARDS		
NAME AND POSITION	GRANT DATE	NUMBER OF SECURITIES UNDERLYING UNEXERCISED OPTIONS (#)	OPTION EXERCISE PRICE (CAD\$)	OPTION EXPIRATION DATE	VALUE OF UNEXERCISED IN-THE- MONEY OPTIONS (CAD\$) <sup>(1)</sup>	NUMBER OF SHARES OR UNITS OF SHARES THAT HAVE NOT VESTED <sup>(3)</sup> (#)	MARKET PAYOUT VALUE OF SHARE- BASED AWARDS THAT HAVE NOT VESTED <sup>(2)</sup> (CAD\$)	MARKET PAYOUT VALUE OF SHARE- BASED AWARDS NOT PAID OUT OR DISTRIBU TED (CAD\$)
	February 28, 2024	300,000	0.36 <sup>(7)</sup>	February 28, 2029	18,000	120,000	50,400	-
	February 25, 2021	90,000	0.79 <sup>(4)</sup>	February 25, 2025	-	-	-	-
Johane Mchive	February 28, 2022	100,000	0.66 <sup>(5)</sup>	February 28, 2026	_	158,334	66,500	_
Lucara Botswana GM	February 27, 2023	100,000	0.57 <sup>(6)</sup>	February 27, 2028	-	210,000	88,200	-
	February 28, 2024	250,000	0.36 <sup>(7)</sup>	February 28, 2029	15,000	100,000	42,000	_

(1) Based on the closing price of the Common Shares on the TSX on December 31, 2024 of CAD\$0.42 per Common Share, less the exercise price of the in-the-money Options. These Options have not been, and may never be, exercised and the actual gain, if any, on exercise will depend on the value of the Common Shares on the date of exercise.

(2) The value is based on the closing price of the Common Shares on the TSX on December 31, 2024 of CAD\$0.42.

- (3) SUs include all units that have not vested. RSUs vest three years from the date of grant. PSUs vest over three years based on performance metrics.
- (4) One third vesting will occur 12, 24 and 36 months after the date of grant, being February 25, 2022, February 25, 2023 and February 25, 2024, respectively. As at the date hereof, all Options granted on February 25, 2021 expired on February 25, 2025. As the Options were not "in-the-money" at the time of expiry, none were exercised.
- (5) One third vesting will occur 12, 24 and 36 months after the date of grant, being February 28, 2023, February 28, 2024 and February 28, 2025, respectively.
- (6) One third vesting will occur 12, 24 and 36 months after the date of grant, being February 28, 2024, February 28, 2025 and February 28, 2026, respectively.
- (7) One third vesting will occur 12, 24 and 36 months after the date of grant, being February 28, 2025, February 28, 2026 and February 28, 2027, respectively.
- (8) One third vesting will occur 12, 24 and 36 months after the date of grant, being October 7, 2025, October 7, 2026, and October 7, 2027, respectively.

#### Incentive Plan Awards – Value Vested or Earned During the Year

The following table sets forth details of the value vested or earned for each NEO's incentive plan awards during 2024.

NAME	OPTION-BASED AWARDS – VALUE VESTED DURING THE YEAR <sup>(1)</sup> (CAD\$)	SHARE-BASED AWARDS – VALUE VESTED DURING THE YEAR <sup>(2)</sup> (CAD\$)	NON-EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN COMPENSATION-VALUE EARNED DURING THE YEAR <sup>(3)</sup> (CAD\$)
William Lamb	-	-	624,000
Glenn Kondo	-	-	407,000
Lauren Freeman	-	-	116,000
Naseem Lahri	-	95,000	313,000



NAME	OPTION-BASED AWARDS –	SHARE-BASED AWARDS –	NON-EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN
	VALUE VESTED DURING THE	VALUE VESTED DURING THE	COMPENSATION-VALUE
	YEAR <sup>(1)</sup>	YEAR <sup>(2)</sup>	EARNED DURING THE YEAR <sup>(3)</sup>
	(CAD\$)	(CAD\$)	(CAD\$)
Johane Mchive	-	70,000	170,000

- (1) Calculated using the closing price of the Common Shares on the TSX on the dates on which Options vested during 2024, or if the TSX is not open on such date, the closing price of the Common Shares on the TSX on the last date that the TSX is open preceding the vesting date and subtracting the exercise price of in the-money Options; rounded to the nearest thousand Canadian Dollars.
- (2) Calculated using the closing price of the Common Shares on the TSX on the dates on which SUs vested during 2024, or if the TSX is not open on such date, the closing price of the Common Shares on the TSX on the last date that the TSX is open preceding the vesting date; rounded to the nearest thousand Canadian Dollars.
- (3) This column represents short-term incentive plan payments referred to earlier in the Circular, the incentive payment is paid in 2025 for 2024 performance. Mr. Kondo was paid in British Pound Sterling and Ms. Freeman was paid in United States dollars, and these amounts were converted to Canadian dollars for presentation in the table above. Ms. Lahri and Mr. Mchive were paid in Botswana Pula, and these amounts were converted to Canadian dollars for presentation in the table above. The following conversion rates were used to convert the 2024 short-term incentive plan payments BWP 1=CAD\$0.101 CAD\$1.00=UK\$1.79 and CAD\$1.00=US\$1.43.

# **SECTION 5 – COMPENSATION OF DIRECTORS**

DIRECTORS	FEES CASH-BASED (CAD\$)	FEES SHARE-BASED AWARDS (CAD\$) <sup>(1)</sup>	SHARE-BASED AWARDS (CAD\$) <sup>(2)</sup>	TOTAL FEES EARNED (CAD\$)
Sheila M. Colman <sup>(3)</sup>	37,000	36,000	33,000	106,000
Paul K. Conibear	125,000	-	34,000	159,000
David B. Dicaire	-	102,000	30,000	132,000
lan W. Gibbs <sup>(3)</sup>	-	74,000	35,000	109,000
Marie Inkster <sup>(4)</sup>	41,000	-	31,000	72,000
Adam I. Lundin	-	98,000	27,000	125,000
Catherine McLeod-Seltzer <sup>(4)</sup>	39,000	-	30,000	69,000
Peter J. O'Callaghan	83,000	27,000	30,000	140,000

The following table sets forth the details of compensation provided to directors in 2024. Mr. Lamb, Lucara's President and CEO did not receive compensation for his service as a director.

(1) This column represents fees paid in DSUs in lieu of receipt of cash. SU values were calculated in Canadian dollars based on the fair value of Common Shares on the grant date. The amount presented in the table represents the fair value of the SU as at the date of grant. The Company's DSUs vest immediately and are paid out to a director upon retirement from the Board.

(2) This column represents SU awards earned as part of a directors' remuneration. The SUs' values were calculated in Canadian dollars based on the fair value of Common Shares on the grant date. The amount presented in the table represents the fair value of the SU as at the date of grant. The Company's DSUs vest immediately and are paid out to a director upon retirement from the Board.

(3) Mr. Gibbs and Ms. Colman were appointed to the Board on May 10, 2024.

(4) Ms. Inkster and Ms. McLeod-Seltzer retired from the Board on May 10, 2024. Upon their retirement, Ms. Inkster received a DSU payout of CAD\$287,000, and Ms. McLeod-Seltzer received CAD\$91,000. These payments are excluded from the table above.

In 2019, the Compensation Committee retained GGA to perform benchmarking for director compensation, which was updated in the 2021 GGA Report. The 2019 benchmarking data showed that the directors' annual retainers were generally in line with the cash compensation paid to directors of the companies in the Peer Group, but that most of the Peer Group companies also provide some form of share-based compensation (Options, DSUs, etc.) as part of the



director compensation package. As a result, in February 2020 the Board adopted the DSU Plan and made an initial grant to Directors. The DSU Plan was subsequently approved by Shareholders at the May 2020 annual meeting, and amended most recently in March 2023.

The Compensation Committee recommended (and the Board approved) a decision not to increase the cash compensation paid to non-executive directors in 2024.

DIRECTORS' FEES	ANNUAL FEE PAID (CAD\$)			
Each non-executive director's annual base renumeration	100,000			
The Chair of the Board and the Chair of the Audit Committee each receive additional compensation	15,000			
Lead Director, the Chair of the ESG Committee, the Chair of the CGN Committee, and the Chair of the Compensation Committee, receive additional compensation	10,000			
Effective for the year commencing January 1, 2022, a director who participates in the Technical Advisory Committee (which is not a committee of the Board) receives additional compensation	10,000			
DSUs are granted pursuant to the terms of the Company's DSU Plan and are awarded at the discretion of the Board, typically following a recommendation from the Compensation Committee				

Lucara reimburses directors for any reasonable travel and out-of-pocket expenses relating to their duties as directors. No fees were paid for attendance at meetings. The Company provides all directors with liability insurance.

#### **Outstanding Option-Based Awards**

There were no outstanding Option-based awards held by the directors of the Company at the end of 2024.

#### Incentive Plan Awards - Value Vested or Earned During the Year

The following table sets forth details of the value vested or earned for all incentive plan awards during 2024 by each director, other than William Lamb who is an NEO (see above).

DIRECTORS – 2024	SHARE-BASED AWARDS –VALUE VESTED DURING THE YEAR (CAD\$) (1)
Paul K. Conibear	34,000
Sheila M. Colman <sup>(2)</sup>	69,000
David B. Dicaire	132,000
lan W. Gibbs <sup>(2)</sup>	109,000
Marie Inkster <sup>(2)</sup>	31,000
Adam I. Lundin	125,000
Peter J. O'Callaghan	57,000
Catherine McLeod-Seltzer <sup>(2)</sup>	30,000

(1) Calculated using the closing price of the Common Shares on the TSX on the dates on which SUs vested during 2024, or if the TSX is not open on such date, the closing price of the Common Shares on the TSX on the last date that the TSX is open preceding the vesting date.

(2) Ms. Inkster and Ms. McLeod-Seltzer retired from the Board on May 10, 2024. Mr. Gibbs and Ms. Colman were appointed to the Board on May 10, 2024.



# SECTION 6 – OTHER INFORMATION

## 6.1 EQUITY COMPENSATION PLAN INFORMATION

As at December 31, 2024, the Company had three compensation plans under which equity securities of the Company were authorized for issuance. The Share Unit Plan for executive compensation was approved on May 13, 2015 by the shareholders and amended most recently on May 12, 2023, the Stock Option Plan was approved by shareholders on May 13, 2015, and approved most recently on May 12, 2023, and the DSU Plan for directors was approved on May 8, 2020, and approved most recently on May 12, 2023. The following information is presented as at the Company's fiscal year-end of December 31, 2024, unless otherwise specified.

PLAN CATEGORY	NUMBER OF COMMON SHARES TO BE ISSUED UPON EXERCISE OF OUTSTANDING OPTIONS/SHARE UNITS	TO BE ISSUED AS A % OF EXERCISE OF ISSUED AND ISTANDING OUTSTANDING		NUMBER OF COMMON SHARES REMAINING AVAILABLE FOR FUTURE ISSUANCE UNDER THE PLAN (EXCLUDING SECURITIES REFLECTED IN COLUMN (A))	AS A % OF ISSUED AND OUTSTANDING		
	EQUITY COMPENSATION PLANS APPROVED BY SECURITY HOLDERS:						
Stock Option Plan	6,163,000	1.4%	0.55	3,837,000	0.8%		
Share Unit Plan	8,034,668	1.8%	N/A (SUs)	8,965,332	2.0%		
DSU Plan	3,647,626	0.8%	N/A (SUs)	852,374	0.2%		
Total	17,845,294	3.9%	N/A	13,654,706	3.0%		

#### Equity Compensation Plan Information (as at fiscal year-end December 31, 2024)

In February 2025, the Company granted 4,176,325 Options, 4,254,538 RSUs and 1,379,846 PSUs to the NEOs. A further 618,751 DSUs were granted to directors.

#### Burn Rate

YEAR	STOCK OPTIONS GRANTED	BURN RATE <sup>(1)</sup>	SHARE UNITS GRANTED	BURN RATE <sup>(1)</sup>	DEFERRED SHARE UNITS GRANTED	BURN RATE <sup>(1)</sup>
2024	2,965,000	0.7%	6,819,000	1.5%	1,589,322	0.4%
2023	2,412,000	0.5%	3,337,000	0.7%	1,056,053	0.2%
2022	2,332,000	0.5%	2,860,000	0.6%	881,593	0.2%
3-year total	7,709,000	1.7%	13,016,000	2.9%	3,526,968	0.8%

(1) Calculated using the TSX prescribed methodology that became effective for issuers with fiscal years ending on or after October 31, 2017 – calculated by dividing Options/SUs granted in the applicable fiscal year by the weighted average number of Common Shares outstanding over the applicable fiscal year.

#### The Share Unit Plan

The material terms of the Share Unit Plan can be summarized as follows:

- The Share Unit Plan provides that SUs may be granted by the Board, the Compensation Committee, or any other committee of directors authorized by the Board to administer the Share Unit Plan (the "Committee").
- Full time employees of the Company or any of its subsidiaries, including any senior executive, vice president, and members of the management team of the Company or any of its subsidiaries are eligible to receive SUs under the Share Unit Plan.



- The number of Common Shares reserved for issuance under the Share Unit Plan is fixed at 17,000,000, currently 3.75% of the issued and outstanding Common Shares.
- Subject to Shareholder approval of the Share Unit Plan Amendments at the Meeting, the maximum number of Common Shares reserved for issuance under the Share Unit Plan will be increased to a fixed aggregate of 22,000,000, representing approximately 4.86% of the Company's current issued and outstanding Common Shares. Please see *"Business of the Meeting Amendments to the Share Unit Plan"*.
- The Share Unit Plan contains provisions specifying that, any Common Shares subject to an SU which is cancelled or terminated in accordance with the terms of the Share Unit Plan without settlement, or settled in cash, will again be available for issuance under the Share Unit Plan. SUs that have vested and subsequently settled for Common Shares will not be available for issuance again under the Share Unit Plan.
- The grant of SUs under the Share Unit Plan is subject to the number of the Common Shares: (i) issued to any one participant within any one (1) year period; (ii) issued to insiders of the Company, within any one (1) year period, and (iii) issuable to insiders of the Company, at any time, under the Share Unit Plan, or when combined with all of the Company's other security based compensation arrangements, not exceeding 10% of the Company's total issued and outstanding Common Shares, respectively.
- The number and terms of SUs granted to participants will be determined by the Committee and credited to the participant's account effective on the grant date. Subject to the Committee's discretion, SUs will vest 36 months from the grant date.
- The entitlement date, or date that the SUs vest and are eligible for payment, shall be extended if this date occurs during a blackout to 10 days after the end of the blackout and notwithstanding this, subject to the Committee's discretion, must occur no later than 3 years following the end of the year the SU was granted.
- Following the entitlement date, the SUs will be settled by way of the issuance of Common Shares from treasury, cash equal to the market price of Common Shares or a combination of the two methods of settlement, as determined by the Committee.
- All grants of SUs shall be evidenced by a confirmation SU grant letter.
- In the event dividends are paid to shareholders while SUs are outstanding, additional SUs in lieu of any cash dividends will be credited to participants. For the avoidance of doubt, no cash payment will be made to a participant if cash dividends are paid to shareholders other than cash paid to a participant on an entitlement date.
- In the event of a participant's resignation or employment termination with cause, the SUs will be forfeited and of no further force or effect at the date of termination, unless otherwise determined by the Committee.
- In the event of the participant's employment termination without cause, the SUs will become void and be forfeit and of no further force or effect at the date of termination, unless otherwise stipulated in the applicable SU grant letter or as determined by the Committee.
- In the event of any participant's employment termination without cause, all unvested SUs will be cancelled immediately upon such termination, regardless of the term of such participant's employment.
- In the event of death, all unvested SUs will vest and the Common Shares will be issued to the participant's estate as soon as reasonably practical.
- In the event of the total disability of a participant, all unvested SUs will vest on the date the participant is determined to be totally disabled and the Common Shares will be issued as soon as reasonably practical.
- In the event of a change of control, all SUs outstanding will vest on the date of such change of control.
- A clawback provision allows for the Company to cancel any vested SUs granted and require repayment of any SUs vested within the past twelve months should a termination with cause occur or a restatement in the Company's financial results.



- All termination provisions in the Share Unit Plan shall be subject to the terms of any employment/severance agreement between the participant and the Company.
- SUs are not transferable other than by will or the laws of descent and distribution.
- The specific amendment provisions for the Share Unit Plan provide the Committee with the power, subject to the requisite regulatory approval, to make the following amendments without shareholder approval (without limitation):
  - o amendments of a housekeeping nature;
  - the addition or a change to any vesting provisions of an SU;
  - o changes to the termination provisions of an SU or the Share Unit Plan; and
  - o amendments to reflect changes to applicable securities or tax laws.
- Any of the following amendments require shareholder approval:
  - materially increasing the benefits to a holder of SUs who is an insider to the material detriment of the Company and its shareholders;
  - increasing the number of Common Shares or maximum percentage of Common Shares which may be issued pursuant to the Share Unit Plan (other than by virtue of adjustments permitted under the Share Unit Plan);
  - o permitting SUs to be transferred other than for normal estate settlement purposes;
  - removing or exceeding the insider participation limits of the Share Unit Plan;
  - o materially modifying the eligibility requirements for participation in the Share Unit Plan; or
  - modifying the amending provisions of the Share Unit Plan.

#### The DSU Plan

The material terms of the DSU Plan can be summarized as follows:

- The DSU Plan provides that DSUs may be granted by the Board, the Compensation Committee, or any other committee of directors authorized by the Board to administer the DSU Plan (the "Committee").
- Directors who are not employees or officers of the Company, including a non-executive Chair of the Board are eligible to receive DSUs under the DSU Plan.
- There are 4,500,000 Common Shares currently reserved for issuance under the DSU Plan, representing approximately 0.99% of the Company's issued and outstanding Common Shares. Subject to Shareholder approval of the DSU Plan Amendments at the Meeting, the maximum number of Common Shares reserved for issuance under the DSU Plan will be increased to a fixed aggregate of 8,000,000, representing approximately 1.77% of the Company's current issued and outstanding Common Shares. Please see "Business of the Meeting Amendments to the DSU Plan".
- The DSU Plan contains provisions specifying that, any Common Shares subject to an DSU which is cancelled or terminated in accordance with the terms of the DSU Plan without settlement, or settled in cash, it will again be available for issuance under the DSU Plan. DSUs that have vested and subsequently settled for Common Shares will not be available for issuance again under the DSU Plan.
- A director can elect to receive all or a portion of his or her director's fees in the form of DSUs.
- The number of Common Shares (i) issued under the DSU Plan to insiders of the Company, within any one (1) year period, and (ii) issuable to insiders of the Company, at any time, under the DSU Plan, or when combined with all of the Company's other security based compensation arrangements, shall not exceed 10% of the Company's total issued and outstanding Common Shares, respectively. The number of Common Shares



reserved for issuance under the DSU Plan to a director within a one year period, in combination with all other equity awards granted to directors under any other share compensation arrangement, shall be limited to an annual equity award value (based on the Black-Scholes model or market price of the Common Shares, as determined by the Board) of CAD\$150,000 per director.

- The aggregate number of Common Shares reserved for issuance pursuant to the DSU Plan to non-executive directors shall not exceed 1% of the number of issued and outstanding Common Shares. Subject to Shareholder approval of the DSU Plan Amendments at the Meeting, this maximum will be removed.
- A DSU is a unit credited by means of an entry on the books of the Company to a director, representing the right to receive one Common Share or cash equal to the market price of the share on the vesting date.
- The number of DSUs granted to participants will be determined by the Committee, or in the case of director's fees will be calculated based on the market value of the Common Shares at the time of grant and credited to the participant's account effective on the grant date. Subject to the Committee's discretion to determine a later date, a director's entitlement date to receive payment of his or her DSUs is her or her termination date.
- Following the entitlement date, the DSUs will be settled by way of the issuance of Common Shares from treasury, cash equal to the market price of Common Shares or a combination of the two methods of settlement as determined by the participant.
- In the event dividends are paid to shareholders while DSUs are outstanding, additional DSUs in lieu of any cash dividends will be credited to participants. For the avoidance of doubt, no cash payment will be made to a participant if cash dividends are paid to shareholders other than cash paid to a participant on an entitlement date.
- DSUs are not transferable other than by will or the laws of succession and distribution.
- In the event of death, all DSUs shall become payable to the director's legal representative.
- The specific amendment provisions for the DSU Plan provide the Committee with the power, subject to the requisite regulatory approval, to make the following amendments without shareholder approval (without limitation):
  - amendments of a housekeeping nature;
  - $\circ$   $\;$  changes to the termination provisions of a DSU or the DSU Plan; and
  - o amendments to reflect changes to applicable securities or tax laws.
- Any of the following amendments require shareholder approval:
  - materially increasing the benefits to a holder of DSUs who is an insider to the material detriment of the Company and its shareholders;
  - increasing the number of Common Shares or maximum percentage of Common Shares which may be issued pursuant to the DSU Plan (other than by virtue of adjustments permitted under the DSU Plan);
  - o permitting DSUs to be transferred other than for normal estate settlement purposes;
  - o removing or exceeding the insider participation limits of the DSU Plan;
  - o materially modifying the eligibility requirements for participation in the DSU Plan; or
  - modifying the amending provisions of the DSU Plan.



#### The Stock Option Plan

The material terms of the Stock Option Plan can be summarized as follows:

- Employees, directors (including non-employee directors), officers of the Company or any of its subsidiaries and, except in relation to a consultant company, any company wholly owned by such persons are eligible to receive Options under the Stock Option Plan.
- The aggregate number of Common Shares issuable upon the exercise of all Options granted under the Stock Option Plan is fixed at 10,000,000, which represents approximately 2.21% of the Company's current issued and outstanding Common Shares Subject to Shareholder approval of the Stock Option Plan Amendments at the Meeting, the maximum number of Common Shares issuable upon the exercise of all Options granted under the Stock Option Plan, will be increased to a fixed aggregate of 15,000,000, representing approximately 3.31% of the Company's current issued and outstanding Common Shares. Please see "Business of the Meeting – Amendments to the Stock Option Plan".
- The Stock Option Plan contains evergreen provisions specifying that, if any Option has been exercised, cancelled, expired or terminated for any reason in accordance with the terms of the Stock Option Plan, it will again be available under the Stock Option Plan. The rules of the TSX provide that all unallocated options under a stock option plan which contains evergreen provisions must be approved by shareholders every three years. Approval was last obtained in March 2023, and will again be sought in 2026.
- The exercise price per Common Share under an Option shall be determined by the Board and shall not be lower than the market price of a Common Share. Market price is defined as the higher of the closing price on the TSX on the date the Option is granted and the last trading date preceding the date the Option is granted.
- The Stock Option Plan does not provide for the transformation of Options granted under the Stock Option Plan into stock appreciation rights involving the issuance of securities from the treasury of the Company.
- The term of all Options awarded under the Stock Option Plan is a maximum of five years.
- Options granted pursuant to the Stock Option Plan shall vest and become exercisable by an optionee at such time or times as may be determined by the Board at the date of grant and as indicated in the option commitment letter. Subject to the Board's discretion, Options may have a vesting period of up to three years, with 1/3 of the Options vesting 12 months from the date of grant; 1/3 of the Options vesting 24 months from the date of grant; and the remaining 1/3 vesting 36 months from the date of grant.
- To facilitate the exercise of Options granted under the Stock Option Plan, optionees under the Stock Option Plan are permitted to undertake a "cashless exercise" with the assistance of a broker.
- If the expiry of an Option falls within, or within 48 hours of, a trading blackout period imposed, the expiry date of the Option shall be automatically extended to the tenth business day following the end of the blackout period.
- The termination provisions under the Stock Option Plan are:
  - An optionee will have, in all cases subject to the original Option expiry date (i) 90 days to exercise his/her Options that have vested, in the event of resignation; and (ii) immediate termination of the Options in the event of termination with cause, except as may be set out in the optionee's Option commitment or as otherwise determined by the Board in its sole discretion. In the event of the death or disability of an optionee, all Options will vest and the optionee will have, subject to the original Option expiry date, 12 months to exercise his/her Options. Notwithstanding the foregoing, all of the termination provisions shall be subject to the terms of any employment/severance agreement between the optionee and the Company.
- In the event of a change of control, all unvested Options shall vest on/at the effective time of the change of control.



- The grant of Options under the Stock Option Plan is subject to the number of the Common Shares: (i) issued to insiders of the Company, within any one (1) year period, and (ii) issuable to insiders of the Company, at any time, under the Stock Option Plan, or when combined with all of the Company's other security based compensation arrangements, not exceeding 10% of the Company's total issued and outstanding Common Shares, respectively.
- The aggregate number of Options granted pursuant to the Stock Option Plan to any one non-employee director, within any one-year period shall not exceed a maximum value of CAD\$100,000. Subject to Shareholder approval of the Stock Option Plan Amendments at the Meeting, this maximum will be removed.
- The aggregate number of Common Shares reserved for issuance pursuant to the Stock Option Plan, together with any Common Shares that may be issued pursuant to any other share compensation arrangement to non-employee directors as a group, shall not exceed 1% of the number of issued and outstanding Common Shares.
- The aggregate number of Common Shares reserved for issuance pursuant to the Stock Option Plan, or when combined with all of the Company's other security-based compensation arrangements, to any one participant within a one-year period shall not exceed 10% of the Common Shares outstanding at the time of the grant.
- Options are not assignable or transferable other than by will or by the applicable laws of descent.
- Unvested Options and Options granted which have vested within the twelve months, including Common Shares received from exercising such Options, are subject to claw-back, to the extent permitted by law, if: (i) a participant was terminated with cause, or the Board reasonably determines after termination of a participant's employment that the termination could have been with cause; (ii) the Board reasonably determines that a participant engaged in conduct that causes material financial or reputational harm to the Company or its Affiliates, or engaged in gross negligence, wilful misconduct or fraud in respect of the performance of the participant's duties; or (iii) the Company is required to restate its financial statements and the restated financial statements disclose materially worse financial results in the Board's reasonable opinion.
- The specific amendment provisions for the Stock Option Plan provide the Board with the power to make the following amendments without shareholder approval:
  - o minor or technical modifications;
  - correct ambiguity, defective provisions, error or omissions or reflect changes to applicable securities or taxation laws;
  - change any vesting provisions of an Option;
  - change the termination provisions or extend the expiration date provided the extension is not beyond 5 years from the date the Option is granted;
  - o add or change provisions relating to financial assistance to facilitate the purchase of securities; and
  - add a cashless exercise feature.

Such amendment must be in accordance with applicable laws and stock exchange rules and cannot materially adversely affect existing rights of Options.

- Any of the following amendments to the Stock Option Plan or options granted thereunder also require shareholder approval:
  - increasing the number of Common Shares which may be issued pursuant to the Stock Option Plan (other than by virtue of permitted adjustments);
  - reducing the exercise price of an Option;
  - o amending the term of an Option to extend the term;
  - o removing or exceeding the limits imposed on insiders and on non-employee Directors;



- materially increasing the benefits to the holder of the Options who is an insider to the material detriment of the Company and its shareholders;
- o permitting Options to be transferred other than by will or the applicable laws of descent;
- o materially modifying the eligibility requirements for participation in the Stock Option Plan; or
- changing the amending provisions.

## 6.2 INDEBTEDNESS OF DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

None of the directors or executive officers of the Company, proposed nominees for directors, or associates or affiliates of said persons, have been indebted to the Company at any time since the beginning of the last completed financial year of the Company.

## 6.3 MANAGEMENT CONTRACTS

Management functions of the Company and its subsidiaries are performed by directors, executive officers, or senior officers of the Company and not, to any substantial degree, by any other person with whom the Company has contracted.

## 6.4 INTEREST OF CERTAIN PERSONS OR COMPANIES IN MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON

Other than as disclosed herein, to the best of the Company's knowledge, no director or executive officer of the Company, or any person who has held such a position since the beginning of the last completed financial year of the Company, or any proposed nominee, or any associate or affiliate of the foregoing persons, has any substantial or material interest, direct or indirect, by way of beneficial ownership of securities or otherwise, in any matter to be acted on at the Meeting other than the election of directors.

## 6.5 INTEREST OF INFORMED PERSONS IN MATERIAL TRANSACTIONS

Other than as disclosed herein, to the best of the Company's knowledge, no informed person of the Company, proposed director or any associate or affiliate of them, has or has had any material interest, direct or indirect, in any transaction, since the commencement of the Company's most recently completed financial year which has materially affected or will materially affect the Company or any of its subsidiaries.

On March 2, 2018, Lucara acquired Clara Diamond Solutions Limited Partnership, Clara Diamond Solutions B.V., and Clara Diamond Solutions GP (collectively, "Clara") for up-front consideration of 13.1 million shares of Lucara. Further staged equity payments totalling 13.4 million shares could have become payable. Such shares would have been paid in the event certain performance milestones, related to total revenues (revenues from rough diamonds bought and sold) generated through the platform, were achieved (the "Performance Milestones"). The Company had also agreed to a profit-sharing mechanism whereby the founders of the Clara technology would retain 13.3% and the management of Lucara would retain 6.67% of the annual EBITDA generated by the platform, to a maximum of US\$16.67 and US\$8.33 million per year, respectively, for 10 years. As of the record date, no Performance Milestones, key performance targets, profit sharing or additional equity thresholds had been attained, and therefore no additional shares or EBITDA payments had been made. Moreover, no EBITDA payments have been made following the sale by the Company of its 100% interest in Clara on October 4, 2024, with the 13,400,000 Lucara common shares issuance obligations to certain officers of the Company that related to sales performance metrics and change of control being cancelled.

## 6.6 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The Company's Annual Information Form ("AIF"), annual audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2024 ("Annual Financial Statements") and management's discussion and analysis ("Annual MD&A") as well as the interim financial statements from the 2024 fiscal year ("2024 Interims") are available on the Canadian System for Electronic Document Analysis and Retrieval (SEDAR+) at <u>www.sedarplus.ca</u> and on the



Company's website at <u>www.lucaradiamond.com</u>. The Company will provide, without charge to a shareholder, a copy of this Circular, its latest AIF, Annual Financial Statements and Annual MD&A, the 2024 Interims and interim financial statements and management's discussion and analysis for subsequent periods upon request by contacting:

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   Vancouver, BC Canada V7X 1L2

## 6.7 DIRECTORS' APPROVAL

The contents and the distribution of this Circular have been approved by the Board.

DATED the 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2025.

William Lamb

President and Chief Executive Officer



## **APPENDIX A – BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MANDATE**

The following is a description of the mandate and responsibilities of the Board of Directors (the "Board") of Lucara Diamond Corp. (the "Company"):

- a. The principal responsibilities of the Board are to supervise and evaluate management, to oversee the conduct of the Company's business, to set policies appropriate for the business of the Company and to approve corporate strategies and goals. The Board is to carry out its mandate in a manner consistent with the fundamental objective of enhancing shareholder value.
- b. In discharging its duty of stewardship over the Company the Board expressly undertakes the following specific duties and responsibilities:
  - adopting, supervising and providing guidance on the Company's strategic planning process including, reviewing on at least an annual basis, a strategic plan which takes into account the opportunities and risks of the Company's business;
  - ii. identifying the principal risks of the Company's business and ensuring the implementation of appropriate risk management systems;
  - iii. overseeing of environmental, social and governance matters;
  - iv. overseeing of climate-related risks and opportunities;
  - v. appointing management of the highest calibre who create a culture of integrity throughout the organization;
  - vi. overseeing the integrity of the Company's internal control and management information systems;
  - vii. maintaining adequate and effective succession planning for senior management, including the CEO
  - viii. placing limits on management's authority;
  - ix. overseeing the Company's communication policy with its shareholders and with the public generally;
  - x. development of the Company's approach to corporate governance and reviewing, at least annually, the corporate governance principles and guidelines which are specifically applicable to the Company.
- c. The Board's independent directors shall meet without management and non-independent directors present at least quarterly. If a Lead Director has been appointed, such meetings of the independent directors will be presided over by the Lead Director.
- d. Board members are expected to be prepared for all meetings, by advance reading of all meeting materials.

#### **Outside Advisors and Fulfilling Responsibilities**

A director may, with the prior approval of the Chair of the Board or the Lead Director, engage an outside advisor at the reasonable expense of the Company, where such director and the Chair of the Board or the Lead Director determine that it is appropriate in order for such director to fulfil his or her responsibilities, provided that the advice sought cannot properly be provided through the Company's management or through the Company's advisors in the normal course. If the Chair of the Board is not available in the circumstances or determines that it is not appropriate for such director may appeal the matter to the CGN Committee, whose determination shall be final.

Document Name	Board Mandate
Effective Date	October 1, 2007
Document Version	4
Revision History	Adopted by the Board of Directors on October 1, 2007 and amended and restated on March 22, 2012, February 20, 2018 and March 23, 2022.
Version Control	Printed copies of this document are uncontrolled. Confirm this is the current version before using.



# **APPENDIX B – SHARE UNIT PLAN**

Please see attached.



## SHARE UNIT PLAN

Dated March 19, 2015, amended March 18, 2020, March 23, 2022, and March 22, 2023, and March 20, 2025.

# ARTICLE I

#### 1.1 <u>Purpose of Plan</u>

This Plan provides for the granting of Share Unit Awards and payment in respect thereof, subject to obtaining the approval of the Exchange, for services rendered, for the purpose of motivating and retaining Qualifying Participants through payment of compensation related to appreciation of the Shares.

## 1.2 <u>Definitions</u>

- (a) "Affiliate" has the meaning ascribed thereto by the policies of the Exchange.
- (b) "Associate" has the meaning ascribed thereto in the Securities Act.
- (c) **"Board**" means the Board of Directors of the Company.
- (d) "Change of Control" means the occurrence of any one or more of the following events:
  - a consolidation, merger, amalgamation, arrangement or other reorganization or acquisition involving the Company or any of its Affiliates and another corporation or other entity, as a result of which the holders of Shares immediately prior to the completion of the transaction hold less than 50% of the outstanding shares of the successor corporation immediately after completion of the transaction;
  - the sale, lease, exchange or other disposition, in a single transaction or a series of related transactions, of all or substantially all of the assets, rights or properties of the Company and its Subsidiaries on a consolidated basis to any other person or entity, other than transactions among the Company and its Subsidiaries;
  - (iii) a resolution is adopted to wind-up, dissolve or liquidate the Company;

- (iv) any person, entity or group of persons or entities acting jointly or in concert (the "Acquiror") acquires, or acquires control (including, without limitation, the power to vote or direct the voting) of, voting securities of the Company which, when added to the voting securities owned of record or beneficially by the Acquiror or which the Acquiror has the right to vote or in respect of which the Acquiror has the right to direct the voting, would entitle the Acquiror and/or Associates and/or affiliates of the Acquiror to cast or direct the casting of 30% or more of the votes attached to all of the Company's outstanding voting securities which may be cast to elect directors of the Company or the successor corporation (regardless of whether a meeting has been called to elect directors);
- (v) as a result of or in connection with: (A) a contested election of directors; or (B) a consolidation, merger, amalgamation, arrangement or other reorganization or acquisition involving the Company or any of its Affiliates and another corporation or other entity (a "Transaction"), fewer than 50% of the directors of the Company are persons who were directors of the Company immediately prior to such Transaction; or
- (vi) the Board adopts a resolution to the effect that a Change of Control as defined herein has occurred or is imminent.

For the purposes of the foregoing definition of Change of Control, "voting securities" means Shares and any other shares entitled to vote for the election of directors and shall include any security, whether or not issued by the Company, which are not shares entitled to vote for the election of directors but are convertible into or exchangeable for shares which are entitled to vote for the election of directors, including any options or rights to purchase such shares or securities.

- (e) **"Committee**" means the Board or the Compensation Committee or, if the Board so determines in accordance with Section 2.2 of this Plan, any other committee of directors of the Company authorized to administer this Plan from time to time.
- (f) **"Company"** means Lucara Diamond Corp., a company duly continued under the laws of British Columbia.
- (g) "Entitlement Date" means the date that a Share Unit vests and is eligible for payment, as determined by the Committee in its sole discretion in accordance with this Plan and as outlined in the Share Unit grant letterGrant Letter issued to the Qualifying Participant, provided that, in the event that the Entitlement Date occurs during, or within 48 hours after, a self imposed blackout period on trading imposed pursuant to the applicable policies of the Company in respect of insider trading, such Entitlement Date will become the tenth day following the end of the blackout period and shall, notwithstanding the foregoing, in all cases, be no later than three (3) years following the end of the year the Share Unit was granted.
- (h) **"Exchange**" means the Toronto Stock Exchange.

- (i) **"Grant Date**" means the effective date that a Share Unit is awarded to a Qualifying Participant under this Plan, as evidenced by the Share Unit grant letter<u>Grant Letter</u>.
- (j) "Insider" has the meaning ascribed to such term in the Securities Act.
- (k) "Market Price" as at any date in respect of the Shares shall be the closing price of the Shares on the Exchange on that date, or, if the Shares are not listed on the Exchange, on the principal stock exchange on which such Shares are traded. In the event that the Shares are not then listed and posted for trading on a stock exchange, the Market Price shall be the fair market value of such Shares as determined by the Committee in its sole discretion.
- (I) "Plan" means this Share Unit Plan, as may be amended from time to time.
- (m) "Qualifying Participant" means any full time employee of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, including any senior executive, vice president, and/or member of the management team of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries to whom Share Units are granted hereunder unless otherwise determined by the Committee.
- (n) "Resignation" means the cessation of employment (as an officer or employee) of the Qualifying Participant with the Company or one of its Subsidiaries as a result of resignation, including as a result of retirement.
- (o) "Securities Act" means the *Securities Act*, R.S.B.C., 1996 c.418, as amended from time to time.
- (p) "Share Unit" means a unit credited by means of an entry on the books of the Company to a Qualifying Participant, representing the right to receive, subject to and in accordance with this Plan, for each vested Share Unit one Share or cash equal to the Market Price of one Share, at the time, in the manner, and subject to the terms, set forth in this Plan and the applicable Share Unit grant letterGrant Letter.
- (q) **"Share Unit Award**" means an award of Share Units under this Plan to a Qualifying Participant.
- (r) "Share Unit Grant Letter" has the meaning set forth in Section 3.9 of this Plan.
- (s) (r) "Shares" means the common shares of the Company.
- (t) (s) "Subsidiary" has the meaning ascribed thereto in the Securities Act.
- (u) (t)-"Termination With Cause" means the termination of employment (as an officer or employee) of the Qualifying Participant with cause by the Company or one of its Subsidiaries (and does not include Resignation).
- (v) (u)-"**Termination Without Cause**" means the termination of employment (as an officer or employee) of the Qualifying Participant without cause by the Company or one of its Subsidiaries (and does not include Resignation) and, in the case of an officer, includes

the removal of or failure to reappoint the Qualifying Participant as an officer of the Company.

- 1.3 The headings of all articles, sections and paragraphs in this Plan are inserted for convenience of reference only and shall not affect the construction or interpretation of this Plan.
- 1.4 Whenever the singular or masculine are used in this Plan, the same shall be construed as being the plural or feminine or neuter or vice versa where the context so requires.
- 1.5 The words "**herein**", "**hereby**", "**hereunder**", "**hereof**" and similar expressions mean or refer to this Plan as a whole and not to any particular article, section, paragraph or other part hereof.
- 1.6 Unless otherwise specifically provided, all references to dollar amounts in this Plan are references to lawful money of Canada.

## ARTICLE II ADMINISTRATION OF THE PLAN

## 2.1 <u>Administration</u>

This Plan shall be administered by the Committee and the Committee shall have full authority to administer this Plan, including the authority to interpret and construe any provision of this Plan and to adopt, amend and rescind such rules and regulations for administering this Plan as the Committee may deem necessary in order to comply with the requirements of this Plan<u>and any applicable laws or Exchange rules</u>. All actions taken and all interpretations and determinations made by the Committee in good faith shall be final and conclusive and shall be binding on the Qualifying Participants and the Company. No member of the Committee shall be personally liable for any action taken or determination or interpretation made in good faith in connection with this Plan and all members of the Committee shall, in addition to their rights as directors of the Company, be fully protected, indemnified and held harmless by the Company with respect to any such action taken or determination or interpretation made in good faith. The appropriate officers of the Company are hereby authorized and empowered to do all things and execute and deliver all instruments, undertakings and applications and writings as they, in their absolute discretion, consider necessary for the implementation of this Plan and of the rules and regulations established for administering this Plan. All costs incurred in connection with this Plan shall be for the account of the Company.

## 2.2 <u>Delegation to Committee</u>

All of the powers exercisable hereunder by the Board may, to the extent permitted by applicable law and as determined by resolution of the Board, be exercised by a committee of the Board, including the Committee.

## 2.3 <u>Register</u>

The Company shall maintain a register in which it shall record the name and address of each Qualifying Participant and the number of Share Units (and their corresponding key conditions and Entitlement Date) awarded to each Qualifying Participant.

## 2.4 Qualifying Participant Determination

The Committee shall from time to time determine the Qualifying Participants who may participate in this Plan. The Committee shall from time to time, and subject to any applicable blackout period, determine the Qualifying Participants to whom Share Units shall be granted and the number, provisions and restrictions with respect to such grant, all such determinations to be made in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Plan.

## ARTICLE III SHARE UNIT AWARDS

## 3.1 <u>General</u>

This Plan is hereby established for Qualifying Participants of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, as determined by the Committee.

### 3.2 Share Unit Awards and Vesting

A Share Unit Award and any applicable vesting conditions may be made to a particular Qualifying Participant as determined in the sole and absolute discretion of the Committee, except that Share Unit Awards shall not be made during a self-imposed blackout period on trading imposed pursuant to the applicable policies of the Company in respect of insider trading. The Committee shall make annual recommendations to the Board for grants of Share Units following each year end. The number of Share Units awarded will be credited to the Qualifying Participant's account, effective as of the Grant Date.

Subject to the Committee's discretion, Share Unit Awards will vest 36 months from the Grant Date.

For the avoidance of doubt, a Qualifying Participant will have no right or entitlement whatsoever to receive any Shares or cash, as applicable, until the Entitlement Date.

#### 3.3 <u>Payouts</u>

On each Entitlement Date, the Qualifying Participant shall be entitled to receive, and the Company shall issue or provide, a payout with respect to those vested Share Units in the Qualifying Participant's account to which the Entitlement Date relates in one of the following forms:

- (a) subject to shareholder approval of this Plan and the limitations set forth in Section 3.10 below, Shares issued from treasury equal in number to the vested Share Units in the Qualifying Participant's account to which the Entitlement Date relates, subject to any applicable deductions and withholdings;
- (b) the payment of a cash amount to a Qualifying Participant on the Entitlement Date equal to the number of vested Share Units in respect of which the Committee makes such a determination, multiplied by the Market Price on the Entitlement Date, subject to any applicable deductions and withholdings; or
- (c) any combination of the foregoing, as determined by the Committee, in its sole discretion.

No fractional Shares shall be issued pursuant to this Plan and any fractional entitlements will be rounded down to the nearest whole number.

Shares issued by the Company from treasury under this Plan shall be considered fully paid in consideration of past service that is no less in value than the fair equivalent of the money the Company would have received if the Shares had been issued for money.

## 3.4 <u>Dividends</u>

In the event a cash dividend is paid to shareholders of the Company on the Shares while a Share Unit is outstanding, no payment in cash shall be made to each Qualifying Participant in respect of Share Units; however, each Qualifying Participant will be credited with additional Share Units reflective of equal to the cash dividends to such Qualifying Participant dividend that would otherwise be paid on the Shares. In such case, the number of additional Share Units will be equal to the aggregate amount of dividends that would have been paid to the Qualifying Participant if the Share Units in the Qualifying Participant's account on the record date had been Shares divided by the Market Price of a Share on the date on which dividends were paid by the Company. If the foregoing shall result in a fractional Share Unit, the fraction shall be disregarded.

The additional Share Units will vest and be settled on the Qualifying Participant's Entitlement Date of the particular Share Unit Award to which the additional Share Units relate.

## 3.5 <u>Change of Control</u>

In the event of a Change of Control, all unvested Share Units outstanding shall automatically immediately vest and become payable on the date of such Change of Control. Upon a Change of Control, Qualifying Participants shall not be treated any more favourably than shareholders of the Company with respect to the consideration the Qualifying Participants would be entitled to receive for their Shares.

## 3.6 <u>Death or Disability of Qualifying Participant</u>

In the event of:

- (a) the death of a Qualifying Participant, any unvested Share Units held by such Qualifying Participant will automatically vest on the date of death of such Qualifying Participant and the Company shall issue Shares or make payment with respect to the Share Units held by such Qualifying Participant to the Qualifying Participant's estate as soon as reasonably practical thereafter; or
- (b) the disability of a Qualifying Participant (as may be determined in accordance with the policies, if any, or general practices of the Company or any Subsidiary), any unvested Share Units held by such Qualifying Participant will automatically vest on the date on which the Qualifying Participant is determined to be totally disabled and the Company shall issue Shares or make payment with respect to the Share Units to the Qualifying Participant as soon as reasonably practical thereafter.

## 3.7 <u>Termination Without Cause</u>

In the event of Termination Without Cause of a Qualifying Participant, all of the Qualifying Participant's Share Units shall become void and the Qualifying Participant shall have no entitlement and will forfeit

any rights to any issuance of Shares or payment under this Plan unless otherwise stipulated in the Qualifying Participant'sapplicable Share Unit grant letterGrant Letter.

## 3.8 <u>Termination With Cause or Resignation</u>

In the event of Termination With Cause or the Resignation of a Qualifying Participant, all of the Qualifying Participant's Share Units shall become void and the Qualifying Participant shall have no entitlement and will forfeit any rights to any issuance of Shares or payment under this Plan, except as may otherwise be stipulated in the Qualifying Participant's Share Unit grant letter or as may otherwise be determined by the Committee in its sole and absolute discretion.

## 3.9 Share Unit Grant Letter

Each grant of a Share Unit under this Plan shall be evidenced by a confirmation Share Unit grant letter issued to the Qualifying Participant by the Company <u>(a "Share Unit Grant Letter"</u>). Such Share Unit grant letter <u>Grant Letter</u> shall be subject to all applicable terms and conditions of this Plan and may include any other terms and conditions which are not inconsistent with this Plan and which the Committee deems appropriate for inclusion in a Share Unit grant letter<u>Grant Letter</u>. The provisions of the various Share Unit grant letters issued under this Plan need not be identical.

## 3.10 Subject to Employment/Severance Agreements

Sections 3.5, 3.6, 3.7 and 3.8 shall be subject to any employment/severance agreement between the Qualifying Participant and the Company or any of its Subsidiaries.

## 3.11 Maximum Number of Shares

The number of Shares made available for issuance from treasury under this Plan, subject to adjustments pursuant to Section 4.8, shall not at any time exceed <u>17,000,00022,000,000</u> Shares. Any Shares subject to a Share Unit which has been cancelled or terminated without settlement or that has been settled in cash in accordance with the terms of this Plan will again be available under this Plan. The grant of Share Units under this Plan is subject to the number of Shares: (i) issued to any one Qualifying Participant within a one year period; (ii) issued to Insiders of the Company, within any one (1) year period, and (<u>iiiii</u>) issuable to Insiders of the Company under this Plan, or when combined with all of the Company's other security-based compensation arrangements, not exceeding 10% of the Company's total issued and outstanding Shares, respectively. For the purposes of this Plan, "security-based compensation arrangement of the nature set out in section 613(b) of the TSX Company Manual. For greater certainty, the number of Shares outstanding shall mean the number of Shares outstanding on a non-diluted basis on the date immediately prior to the proposed Grant Date.

A Share Unit Award granted to a Qualifying Participant for services rendered will entitle the Qualifying Participant, subject to the Qualifying Participant's satisfaction of any conditions, vesting periods, restrictions or limitations imposed pursuant to this Plan or as set out in the <u>applicable</u> Share Unit grant <u>letterGrant Letter</u>, to receive payment following the Qualifying Participant's Entitlement Date in accordance with Section 3.3 of this Plan.

The Committee shall have the power, but not the obligation, to satisfy any Share Unit obligation of the Company (including those granted prior to and conditional on such approvals) by the issuance of Shares from treasury at a rate of one Share for each Share Unit, subject to adjustment.

## 3.12 <u>Clawback</u>

It is a condition of each grant of Share Units that in the event of:

- (a) Termination With Cause of a Qualifying Participant, or the Board reasonably determines after termination of a Qualifying Participant's employment that the termination could have been Termination With Cause;
- (b) the Board reasonably determining that a Qualifying Participant engaged in conduct that causes material financial or reputational harm to the Company or its Affiliates, or engaged in gross negligence, willful misconduct or fraud in respect of the performance of the Qualifying Participant's duties for the Company or an Affiliate of the Company; or
- (c) the Company's financial statements (the "Original Statements") being required to be restated (other than solely as a result of a change in accounting policy by the Company or under International Financial Reporting Standards applicable to the Company) and such restated financial statements disclose, in the opinion of the Board acting reasonably, materially worse financial results than those contained in the Original Statements,

then the Board may, in its sole discretion, to the full extent permitted by governing law and to the extent it determines that such action is in the best interest of the Company, and in addition to any other rights that the Company or an Affiliate may have at law or under any agreement, take any or all of the following actions, as applicable:

- (i) reduce the number of, or cancel and terminate, any one or more unvested grants of Share Units, or cancel or terminate any outstanding grants of Share Units which have vested in the twelve (12) months prior to: (y) the date of Termination With Cause of a Qualifying Participant or the date the Board makes a determination under paragraph (a) or (b) above; or (z) the date on which the Board determines that the Company's Original Statements are required to be restated, in the event paragraph (c) above applies (each such date provided for in clause (y) and (z) of this paragraph (i) being a "Relevant Equity Recoupment Date"); and/or
- (ii) require payment to the Company of the value of any Shares acquired by the Qualifying Participant pursuant to a grant of Share Units in the twelve (12) months prior to a Relevant Equity Recoupment Date (less any amount paid by the Qualifying Participant to acquire such Shares and less the amount of tax withheld pursuant to the *Income Tax Act* (Canada) or other relevant taxing authority in respect of such Shares).

## 3.13 <u>Other Recoupment</u>

Notwithstanding anything in this Plan to the contrary, any Share Unit grant letter Grant Letter may also provide for the cancellation or forfeiture of a grant of Share Units or the forfeiture and repayment to the Company of any gain related to a grant of Share Units, or other provisions intended to have a similar effect, upon such terms and conditions as may be required by the Board or by applicable law.

## ARTICLE IV GENERAL

## 4.1 <u>Effectiveness</u>

This Plan as amended shall become effective upon approval by the shareholders of the Company, in accordance with the requirements of the Exchange. This Plan shall remain in effect until it is terminated by the Committee or the Board.

### 4.2 Discontinuance of Plan

The Committee or the Board, as the case may be, may discontinue this Plan at any time in its sole discretion, and without shareholder approval, provided that such discontinuance may not, without the consent of the Qualifying Participant, in any manner adversely affect the Qualifying Participant's rights under any Share Unit granted under this Plan. In the event this Plan is discontinued by the Committee or the Board the balance of outstanding Share Units shall be maintained until the earlier of the Entitlement Date for, or the termination, Resignation, death or disability of, each Qualifying Participant as provided for under this Plan.

### 4.3 <u>Non-Transferability</u>

Except pursuant to a will or by the laws of descent and distribution, no Share Unit and no other right or interest of a Qualifying Participant is assignable or transferable.

## 4.4 <u>Withholding</u>

The Company or any of its Subsidiaries may withhold from any amount payable to a Qualifying Participant, either under this Plan, or otherwise, such amount as may be necessary so as to ensure that the Company or its Subsidiaries will be able to comply with the applicable provisions of any federal, provincial, state or local law relating to the withholding of tax or other required deductions, including on the amount, if any, includable in the income of a Qualifying Participant. Each of the Company and its Subsidiaries shall also have the right in its discretion to satisfy any such withholding tax liability by retaining, acquiring or selling on behalf of a Qualifying Participant any Shares which would otherwise be issued or provided to a Qualifying Participant hereunder.

## 4.5 <u>Amendments to the Plan</u>

The Committee may from time to time in its sole discretion, and without shareholder approval, amend, modify and change the provisions of this Plan and any Share Unit grant letter Grant Letter, in connection with (without limitation):

- (a) amendments of a housekeeping nature;
- (b) the addition or a change to any vesting provisions of a Share Unit;

- (c) changes to the termination provisions of a Share Unit or this Plan; and
- (d) amendments to reflect changes to applicable securities or tax laws.

However, other than as set out above, any amendment, modification or change to the provisions of this Plan which would:

- (a) materially increase the benefits to the holder of the Share Units who is an Insider to the material detriment of the Company and its shareholders;
- (b) increase the number of Shares or maximum percentage of Shares which may be issued pursuant to this Plan (other than by virtue of adjustments pursuant to Section 4.8 of this Plan);
- (c) permit Share Units to be transferred other than for normal estate settlement purposes;
- (d) remove or exceed the Insider participation limits;
- (e) modify the eligibility requirements for participation in this Plan; or
- (f) modify the amending provisions of this Plan set forth in this Section 4.5, shall only be effective on such amendment, modification or change being approved by the shareholders of the Company. In addition, any such amendment, modification or change of any provision of this Plan shall be subject to the approval, if required, by any stock exchange having jurisdiction over the securities of the Company.

## 4.6 <u>Qualifying Participant Rights</u>

No holder of any Share Units shall have any rights as a shareholder of the Company. Except as otherwise specified herein, no holder of any Share Units shall be entitled to receive, and no adjustment is required to be made for, any dividends, distributions or any other rights declared for shareholders of the Company.

## 4.7 <u>No Right to Continued Employment or Service</u>

Nothing in this Plan shall confer on any Qualifying Participant the right to continue as an employee or officer of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, as the case may be, or interfere with the right of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, as applicable, to remove such officer and/or employee.

## 4.8 <u>Adjustments</u>

In the event there is any change in the Shares, whether by reason of a stock dividend, consolidation, subdivision, reclassification or otherwise, an appropriate adjustment shall be made to outstanding Share Units by the Committee, in its sole discretion, to reflect such changes. If the foregoing adjustment shall result in a fractional Share, the fraction shall be disregarded. All such adjustments shall be conclusive, final and binding for all purposes of this Plan.

## 4.9 <u>Effect of Take-Over Bid</u>

If a bona fide offer (the "**Offer**") for Shares is made to the Qualifying Participant or to shareholders generally or to a class of shareholders which includes the Qualifying Participant, which Offer, if accepted in whole or in part, would result in the offeror exercising control over the Company within the meaning of the Securities Act, then the Company shall, immediately upon receipt of notice of the Offer, notify each Qualifying Participant of the full particulars of the Offer. The Board will have the sole discretion to amend, abridge or otherwise eliminate any vesting schedule so that notwithstanding the other terms of this Plan, Shares may be conditionally issued to each Qualifying Participant holding Share Units so as to permit the Qualifying Participant to tender the Shares received in connection with the Share Units pursuant to the Offer. If:

- (a) the Offer is not complied with within the time specified therein;
- (b) the Qualifying Participant does not tender the Shares underlying the Share Units pursuant to the Offer; or
- (c) all of the Shares tendered by the Qualifying Participant pursuant to the Offer are not taken up and paid for by the offeror,

then at the discretion of the Committee or the Board, the Share Units shall be deemed not to have been settled and the Shares or, in the case of clause (c) above, the Shares that are not taken up and paid for, shall be deemed not to have been issued and will be reinstated as authorized but unissued Shares and the terms of the Share Units as set forth in this Plan and the applicable Share Unit grant letter Grant Letter shall again apply to the Share Units.

## 4.10 Unfunded Status of Plan

This Plan shall be unfunded.

## 4.11 <u>Compliance with Laws</u>

If any provision of this Plan or any Share Unit contravenes any law or any order, policy, <u>rules</u>, by-law or regulation of any regulatory body having jurisdiction, <u>including the Exchange</u>, then such provision shall be deemed to be amended to the extent necessary to bring such provision into compliance therewith.

## 4.12 Governing Law

This Plan shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the Province of British Columbia and the federal laws of Canada applicable therein.

## 4.13 Effective Date

Effective from March 19, 2015, amended March 18, 2020, March 23, 2022 and March 22, 2023<u>, and March 20, 2025</u>. Approved by shareholders on May 13, 2015, May 8, 2020, May 6, 2022, and May 12, 2023<u>and May 14, 2025</u>.



# **APPENDIX C – DEFERRED SHARE UNIT PLAN**

Please see attached.



## DEFERRED SHARE UNIT PLAN

Dated February 23, 2020, amended March 22, 2023, and March 20, 2025.

#### Section 1. PURPOSE

The purposes of the Plan are:

- (a) to promote a greater alignment of long-term interests between Directors of the Company and the shareholders of the Company; and
- (b) to provide a compensation system for Directors that, together with the other Director compensation mechanisms of the Company, is reflective of the responsibility, commitment and risk accompanying Board membership and the performance of the duties required of the various committees of the Board.

#### Section 2. DEFINITIONS

- 2.1 In this Plan, the following terms shall have the following meanings:
  - (a) **"Account**" means the account maintained by the Company in its books for each Eligible Director to record the DSUs credited to such Eligible Director under the Plan;
  - (b) **"Affiliate**" means an affiliate of the Company as that term is defined in paragraph 8 of the Canada Revenue Agency's interpretation bulletin IT-337R4, *Retiring Allowances*;
  - (c) "Applicable Law" means any applicable provision of law, domestic or foreign, including, without limitation, applicable tax and securities legislation, together with all regulations, rules, policy statements, rulings, notices, orders or other instruments promulgated thereunder and applicable rules and policies of any stock exchange upon which the Shares of the Company are listed;
  - (d) "Board" means the Board of Directors of the Company;
  - (e) "Company" means Lucara Diamond Corp. and includes any successor corporation thereof, and any reference in the Plan to action by the Company means action by or under the authority of the Board;

- (f) "Director" means a member of the Board;
- (g) "Director's Fees" means that portion of an Eligible Director's retainer fee for acting as a Director that may be paid in DSUs, if so elected by the Eligible Director, as determined by the Board from time to time;
- (h) **"Dividend"** means a dividend paid or declared payable by the Company in respect of the Shares;
- (i) "DSU" means a deferred share unit credited by the Company to an Eligible Director by way of a bookkeeping entry on the books of the Company, with the value of a DSU at any particular date equal to the Market Value of a Share at that date (other than on the Grant Calculation Date where the Grant Calculation Date Market Value is applied for the purposes of Section 6);
- (j) **"Election Notice**" means the written election described in Section 6 to receive DSUs, in such form as may be prescribed by the Board from time to time;
- (k) "Eligible Director" has the meaning set out in Section 5.1;
- (I) "Entitlement Date" has the meaning set forth in Section 8;
- (m) "Grant Calculation Date" means (i) for DSUs issued pursuant to the election of an Eligible Director in respect of his or her Director's Fees, the last day of the calendar quarter during which such Director's Fees relate and (ii) for DSUs granted at the discretion of the Board, such date as determined by the Board;
- (n) "Grant Calculation Date Market Value" means the volume weighted average trading price of the Shares on the Stock Exchange for the five (5) Trading Days prior to the Grant Calculation Date;
- (o) **"Insider**" shall have the meaning given to such term in the *Securities Act,* R.S.B.C., 1996 c.418, as amended from time to time.
- (p) "Market Value" means, on any particular date, the volume weighted average trading price of the Shares on the Stock Exchange for the immediately preceding five (5) Trading Days;
- (q) "**Plan**" means the "Lucara Diamond Corp. Deferred Share Unit Plan", as amended or restated from time to time;
- (r) "Required Shareholder Approval" means the approval of the shareholders of the Company of the Plan and the unallocated rights granted thereunder at a duly called general meeting of shareholders in accordance with the policies of the Stock Exchange-;
- (s) "Share" means the common shares of the Company;

- (t) **"Stock Exchange**" means the Toronto Stock Exchange, or if the Shares are not listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange, such other stock exchange on which the Shares are listed, or if the Shares are not listed on any stock exchange, then on the over the counter market;
- (u) "Termination Date" shall mean the earliest date on which both the following conditions are met: (i) the Director has ceased to be a Director, as defined above, for any reason whatsoever, including the death of the Director, and (ii) the Director is neither an employee of the Company or an Affiliate nor a member of the board of an Affiliate; and
- (v) "Trading Day" means any date or which the Stock Exchange is open for the trading of Shares and on which one or more Shares actually traded; and.

## Section 3. CONSTRUCTION AND INTERPRETATION

3.1 In this Plan, reference to the singular shall include the plural and vice versa, as the context shall require.

3.2 The Plan shall be governed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the Province of British Columbia and the applicable laws of Canada.

3.3 If any provision of the Plan or part hereof is determined to be void or unenforceable in whole or in part, such determination shall not affect the validity or enforcement of any other provision or part thereof.

3.4 Headings wherever used herein are for reference purposes only and do not limit or extend the meaning of the provisions contained herein.

3.5 The Plan is effective on February 23, 2020, subject to receipt of the Required Shareholder Approval.

## Section 4. ADMINISTRATION OF THE PLAN

4.1 The Board shall have the power and absolute discretion, where consistent with the general purpose and intent of the Plan and subject to the specific provisions of the Plan and Applicable Law to:

- (a) interpret the Plan;
- (b) prescribe, amend and rescind any policies, rules and regulations relating to the Plan;
- (c) to delegate, on such terms as the Board deems appropriate, any or all of its powers hereunder, to any committee of the Board or to any senior officer of the Company; and
- (d) and to take such other actions and make such other determinations as it deems necessary or desirable to administer the Plan.

The Board may correct any defect or supply any omission or reconcile any inconsistency in the Plan in the manner and to the extent the Board deems, in its sole and absolute discretion, necessary or

desirable. All actions taken and decisions made by the Board shall be final, conclusive and binding on all parties concerned, including, but not limited to, the Eligible Directors and their beneficiaries and legal representatives and the Company. All expenses of administration of the Plan shall be borne by the Company.

# Section 5. ELIGIBILITY; GRANT OF DSUS

5.1 Directors who are not employees or officers of the Company or any Affiliate, including a non-executive Chair of the Board are eligible to elect to receive DSUs (**"Eligible Directors"**).

5.2 The Board may, at its discretion, grant such number of DSUs to an Eligible Director as the Board deems advisable to provide the Eligible Director with appropriate equity-based compensation for the services he or she renders to the Company. The Board shall determine the date on which such DSUs may be granted and the date as of which such DSUs shall be credited to such Eligible Director's Account. The grant of DSUs to an Eligible Director pursuant to this Section 5.2 shall be documented in such form as the Board shall specify and such grant will set out the number of DSUs and such other terms and conditions as the Board may require.

# Section 6. ELECTION TO RECEIVE DSUS

6.1 The Company shall grant DSUs to an Eligible Director's Account who has made elections under this Section 6 to receive all or a portion of his or her Director's Fees in the form of DSUs in accordance with such elections.

6.2 Subject to such policies, rules and regulations as the Board may impose, an Eligible Director may elect to receive his or her Director's Fees in the form of DSUs as follows:

- (a) An Eligible Director on the effective date of the Plan may elect to receive his or her Director's Fees with respect to services rendered in respect of the calendar quarters commencing after the effective date in DSUs or a combination DSUs and cash by completing and delivering to the Corporate Secretary of the Company an irrevocable Election Notice by no later than March 31, 2020.
- (b) In each calendar year following the year of the effective date of the Plan, an Eligible Director may elect to receive his or her Director's Fees with respect to services rendered in such calendar year in DSUs or a combination of cash and DSUs by completing and delivering to the Corporate Secretary of the Company an irrevocable Election Notice by no later than December 31 of the immediately preceding year.
- (c) A person who becomes an Eligible Director during a calendar year may elect to receive his or her Director's Fees with respect to services rendered in the calendar quarters commencing after his or her initial election or appointment to the Board in DSUs or a combination of cash and DSUs by completing and delivering to the Corporate Secretary of the Company an irrevocable Election Notice prior to the start of the calendar quarter in respect of which the election is made.

- (d) The Board may prescribe election forms for use by Directors who are residents of a jurisdiction other than Canada that differ from the election forms it prescribes for use by Canadian resident Directors where the Board determines it is necessary or desirable to do so to obtain comparable treatment for the Plan, the Directors or the Company under the laws or regulatory policies of such other jurisdiction as is provided under the laws and regulatory policies of Canada and its provinces, provided that no election form prescribed for use by a non-resident of Canada shall contain terms that would cause the Plan to cease to meet the requirements of paragraph 6801(d) of the regulations under the *Income Tax Act* (Canada) and any successor to such provisions.
- (e) If a Director does not complete and provide an Election Notice to the Company as described above in Sections 6.2(a), (b) or (c), as applicable, such Director shall be deemed to have elected to receive his or her Director's Fees in the form of cash.

6.3 The number of DSUs to be granted to an Eligible Director with respect to a particular election shall be determined by dividing the portion of the his or her Director's Fees that the Eligible Director elected to have satisfied in the form of DSUs by the Grant Calculation Date Market Value determined in respect of such election. If the foregoing results in a fractional DSU, the fraction shall be disregarded.

6.4 DSUs granted to an Eligible Director under this Section 6 shall be credited to the Eligible Director's Account effective as of the Grant Calculation Date. The DSUs will be fully vested upon being credited to an Eligible Director and the Eligible Director's entitlement to payment of DSUs at the Termination Date shall not thereafter be subject to satisfaction of any requirements as to any minimum period of service as a member of the Board.

# Section 7. DIVIDENDS

7.1 On any payment date for Dividends paid on the Shares, the Company shall credit each Eligible Director's Account with additional DSUs equivalent to the Dividends paid on the Shares. The DSU equivalent shall be the aggregate amount of Dividends that would have been paid to the Eligible Director if the number of DSUs in the Eligible Director's Account on the record date had been Shares divided by the Market Value of a Share on the payment date for the Dividends. If the foregoing results in a fractional DSU, the fraction shall be disregarded.

# Section 8. REDEMPTION

8.1 Unless the Board determines a later date, an Eligible Director's "**Entitlement Date**" shall be his or her Termination Date, and all DSUs credited to such Eligible Director's Account on such Entitlement Date shall be redeemed as soon as practicable following such date, but in any event within 30 days of his or her Entitlement Date.

8.2 Upon redemption of his or her DSUs, an Eligible Director (or in the case of death, his or her legal representative) is entitled to receive an amount equal to the number of DSUs that are being redeemed multiplied by the Market Value of a Share as of the Entitlement Date, net of any applicable withholding taxes and other required source deductions. An Eligible Director may elect to receive this amount in Shares, cash or a combination thereof by providing written notice to the Corporate Secretary

of such election within 5 days of his or her Entitlement Date. If the Eligible Director makes no such election, the DSUs will be redeemed for cash.

8.3 In the event that on the Entitlement Date, there is no public market for the Shares, the obligations of the Company with respect to such Eligible Director's DSUs shall be met by a payment in cash in such amount as is reasonably determined by the Board to be equitable in the circumstances based on the value of the Shares at the time of payment, such determination to be final and binding for all purposes.

8.4 Notwithstanding any other provision of the Plan, all amounts payable to, or in respect of, an Eligible Director hereunder shall be paid with respect to all DSUs in his or her Account on or before December 31 of the calendar year commencing immediately after the Eligible Director's Termination Date.

# Section 9. PARTICIPANTS' ACCOUNTS/ADJUSTMENTS TO DSUS CREDITED TO ACCOUNTS

9.1 The Company shall maintain an Account for each Eligible Director recording at all times the number of DSUs standing to the credit of the Eligible Director. Upon payment in satisfaction of DSUs credited to an Eligible Director in the manner described herein, such DSUs shall be cancelled. A written confirmation of the balance in an Eligible Director's Account hereunder shall be provided by the Company to the Eligible Director at least annually. Such statement or information shall be deemed to have been accepted by the Eligible Director as correct unless written notice to the contrary is given to the Company within 30 days after such statement is given or information is made available to the Eligible Director.

9.2 Appropriate adjustments to the number of DSUs credited to each Eligible Director's Account shall be made by the Board to give effect to subdivisions, consolidations, reclassifications or similar changes to the Shares, or other relevant changes in the capital structure of the Company. The appropriate adjustment in any particular circumstance shall be conclusively determined by the Board in its sole discretion.

9.3 Notwithstanding any other provision of the Plan, no amount will be paid to, or in respect of, an Eligible Director under the Plan or pursuant to any other arrangement, and no DSUs will be granted nor will any credit be made to such Eligible Director's Account under the Plan to compensate for a downward fluctuation in the price of Shares, nor will any other form of benefit be conferred upon, or in respect of, an Eligible Director for such purpose.

# Section 10. AMENDMENTS TO, SUSPENSION OR TERMINATION OF, THE PLAN

10.1 The Board may amend the Plan as it deems necessary or appropriate, but no such amendment shall, without the consent of the Eligible Director or unless required by Applicable Law, adversely affect the rights of an Eligible Director with regard to any amount in respect of which the Eligible Director has then elected to receive DSUs or DSUs which the Eligible Director has then been granted under the Plan. 10.2 The Board may from time to time in its sole discretion, and without shareholder approval, amend, modify and change the provisions of the Plan and any DSU grant letter, in connection with (without limitation):

- (a) amendments of a housekeeping nature;
- (b) changes to the termination provisions of a DSU or the Plan; and
- (c) amendments to reflect changes to applicable securities or tax laws.

However, other than as set out above, any amendment, modification or change to the provisions of the Plan which would:

- (1) materially increase the benefits to the holder of the DSU who is an Insider to the material detriment of the Company and its shareholders;
- (2) increase the number of Shares or maximum percentage of Shares which may be issued pursuant to this Plan (other than by virtue of adjustments pursuant to Section 9.2 of the Plan);
- (3) permit DSUs to be transferred other than for normal estate settlement purposes;
- (4) remove or exceed the Insider participation limits;
- (5) modify the eligibility requirements for participation in the Plan; or
- (6) modify the amending provisions of the Plan set forth in this Section 10.2,

shall only be effective on such amendment, modification or change being approved by the shareholders of the Company. In addition, any such amendment, modification or change of any provision of this Plan shall be subject to the approval, if required, by any stock exchange having jurisdiction over the securities of the Company.

10.3 The Board may terminate the Plan at any time but no such termination shall, without the consent of the Eligible Director or unless required by Applicable Law, adversely affect the rights of an Eligible Director with regard to any amount in respect of which an Eligible Director has then elected to receive DSUs or DSUs which the Eligible Director has then been granted under the Plan.

10.4 Notwithstanding Section 10.1 or Section 10.2, any amendment or termination of the Plan shall be such that the Plan continuously meets the requirements of paragraph 6801(d) of the regulations under the *Income Tax Act* (Canada) or any successor to such provision.

## Section 11. RIGHTS OF PARTICIPANTS AND LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

11.1 Except as specifically set out in the Plan, no Director, or other person shall have any claim or right to any benefit in respect of DSUs granted or amounts payable pursuant to the Plan.

11.2 Neither the Plan nor any grant thereunder shall be construed as granting an Eligible Director a right to be retained as a Director of the Company or a claim or right to any future grants of DSUs.

11.3 Under no circumstances shall DSUs be considered Shares nor shall they entitle any Eligible Director to exercise voting rights or any other rights attaching to the ownership of Shares, nor shall any Eligible Director be considered the owner of Shares by virtue of this Plan.

11.4 No member of the Board or any officer or employee of the Company or any Affiliate shall be liable for any action or determination made in good faith pursuant to the Plan or any Election Notice under the Plan.

# Section 12. DEATH OF PARTICIPANT

12.1 In the event of an Eligible Director's death, any and all DSUs then credited to the Eligible Director's Account shall become payable to the Eligible Director's legal representative in accordance with Section 8 hereof.

# Section 13. COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAWS AND POLICIES

13.1 Any obligation of the Company pursuant to the terms of the Plan is subject to compliance with all Applicable Laws. The Eligible Director shall comply with all such Applicable Laws and furnish the Company with any and all information and undertakings as may be required to ensure compliance therewith.

13.2 The Board and each Director will ensure that all actions taken and decisions made by the Board or a Director, as the case may be, pursuant to the Plan, comply with Applicable Laws and policies of the Company relating to insider trading and "black out" periods.

13.3 The maximum number of Shares made available for issuance from treasury under this Plan, subject to adjustment pursuant to Section 9, shall not exceed 4,500,0008,000,000 Shares. Any Shares subject to a DSU which has been cancelled or terminated without settlement or that has been settled in cash in accordance with the terms of this Plan will again be available under this Plan. The number of Shares (i) issued under the Plan to Insiders of the Company, within any one (1) year period, and (ii) issuable to Insiders of the Company, at any time, under this Plan, or when combined with all of the Company's other security based compensation arrangements, shall not exceed 10% of the Company's total issued and outstanding Shares, respectively. The number of Shares reserved for issuance under the Plan to any one Eligible Director within a one year period, in combination with all other equity awards granted to Eligible Directors under any other security based compensation arrangement, shall be limited to an annual equity award value (based on the black-scholes model or Market Value as determined by the Board) of CAD\$150,000 per Eligible Director. The aggregate number of Shares reserved for issuance to Eligible Directors shall not exceed 1.0% of the total number of issued and outstanding Shares. For the purposes of this Plan, "security based compensation arrangement" shall include any arrangement of the nature set out in section 613(b) of the TSX Company Manual. For greater certainty, the number of Shares outstanding shall mean the number of Shares outstanding on a non-diluted basis on the date immediately prior to the proposed grant date.

13.4 For greater certainty, if the Required Shareholder Approval is not obtained or the conditions set out in Section 13.3 are not satisfied, DSUs will be redeemed in cash and no Shares may be issued from treasury in respect of such DSUs.

## Section 14. WITHHOLDING TAXES

14.1 To ensure that the Company will be able to comply with the applicable provisions of any federal, provincial, or local law relating to the withholding of tax or other required deductions, the Company shall be entitled to withhold or cause to be withheld from any amount payable to an Eligible Director, either under this Plan, or otherwise, such amount as the Company reasonably determines is required.

## Section 15. TRANSFERABILITY

15.1 In no event may the rights or interests of an Eligible Director under the Plan be assigned, encumbered, pledged, transferred or alienated in any way, except to the extent that certain rights may pass to a beneficiary or legal representative upon death of an Eligible Director, by will or by the laws of succession and distribution.

## Section 16. NOTICES

16.1 Any payment, notice, statement, certificate or other instrument required or permitted to be given to an Eligible Director or any person claiming or deriving any rights through him shall be given by:

- (a) delivering it personally to the Eligible Director or the person claiming or deriving rights to him, as the case may be; or
- (b) mailing it, postage paid (provided that the postal service is then in operation) or delivering it to the address which is maintained for the Eligible Director in the Company's personnel records.

16.2 Any payment, notice, statement, certificate or instrument required or permitted to be given to the Company shall be given by mailing it, postage prepaid (provided that the postal service is then in operation) or delivering it to the Company at the following address:

Lucara Diamond Corp. Suite 5022800, 1250 HomerFour Bentall Centre 1055 Dunsmuir Street, PO Box 49225 Vancouver, BC Canada V6B-7X 1L2Y5 Attention: Zara Boldt, CFO and Saretha Louw, Corporate SecretaryEmail: zara.boldt@Lucaradiamond.com

Email: CorporateSecretary@LucaraDiamond.com



# **APPENDIX D – STOCK OPTION PLAN**

Please see attached.



## **INCENTIVE STOCK OPTION PLAN**

Dated March 19, 2015, amended March 20, 2019-and, March 22, 2023 and March 20, 2025.

# ARTICLE I

#### 1.1 <u>Purpose of Plan</u>

The purpose of the Plan is to secure for the Company and its shareholders the benefits of incentive inherent in the share ownership by the Directors, Officers and Employees of the Company and its Subsidiaries who, in the judgment of the Board, will be largely responsible for its future growth and success. It is generally recognized that a stock option plan of the nature provided for herein aids in retaining and encouraging Directors, Officers and Employees of exceptional ability because of the opportunity offered them to acquire a proprietary interest in the Company.

#### 1.2 <u>Definitions</u>

- (a) "Affiliate" has the meaning ascribed thereto by the policies of the Exchange.
- (b) "Associate" has the meaning ascribed thereto in the Securities Act.
- (c) **"Board**" means the board of directors of the Company, or any committee of the board of directors to which the duties of the board of directors hereunder are delegated.
- (d) "Cashless Exercise" has the meaning ascribed thereto in Section 2.8 of this Plan.
- (e) "Certificate" means a physical share certificate representing Share(s) or a nontransferable written acknowledgement of the right to obtain a physical share certificate representing Share(s).
- (f) "Change of Control" means the occurrence of any one or more of the following events:
  - a consolidation, merger, amalgamation, arrangement or other reorganization or acquisition involving the Company or any of its Affiliates and another corporation or other entity, as a result of which the holders of Shares immediately prior to the completion of the transaction hold less than 50% of the outstanding shares of the successor corporation immediately after completion of the transaction;

- the sale, lease, exchange or other disposition, in a single transaction or a series of related transactions, of all or substantially all of the assets, rights or properties of the Company and its Subsidiaries on a consolidated basis to any other person or entity, other than transactions among the Company and its Subsidiaries;
- (iii) a resolution is adopted to wind-up, dissolve or liquidate the Company;
- (iv) any person, entity or group of persons or entities acting jointly or in concert (the "Acquiror") acquires, or acquires control (including, without limitation, the power to vote or direct the voting) of, voting securities of the Company which, when added to the voting securities owned of record or beneficially by the Acquiror or which the Acquiror has the right to vote or in respect of which the Acquiror has the right to direct the voting, would entitle the Acquiror and/or Associates and/or Affiliates of the Acquiror to cast or direct the casting of 30% or more of the votes attached to all of the Company's outstanding voting securities which may be cast to elect directors of the Company or the successor corporation (regardless of whether a meeting has been called to elect directors);
- (v) as a result of or in connection with: (A) a contested election of directors of the Company; or (B) a consolidation, merger, amalgamation, arrangement or other reorganization or acquisition involving the Company or any of its Affiliates and another corporation or other entity (a "Transaction"), fewer than 50% of the Directors are persons who were Directors of the Company immediately prior to such Transaction; or
- (vi) the Board adopts a resolution to the effect that a Change of Control as defined herein has occurred or is imminent.

For the purposes of the foregoing definition of Change of Control, "**voting securities**" means Shares and any other shares entitled to vote for the election of directors of the Company and shall include any security, whether or not issued by the Company, which are not shares entitled to vote for the election of directors but are convertible into or exchangeable for shares which are entitled to vote for the election of directors, including any options or rights to purchase such shares or securities.

- (g) "Company" means Lucara Diamond Corp., a company duly continued under the laws of British Columbia.
- (h) "Compensation Committee" means the Company's compensation committee.
- (i) **"Consultant**" means, in relation to the Company, any individual, corporation or, other person engaged to provide ongoing valuable services to the Company or any Affiliate.
- (j) "Director" means a director of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries.

- (k) "Disinterested Shareholder Approval" means approval by a majority of the votes cast by all the Company's shareholders at a duly constituted shareholders' meeting, excluding votes attached to shares of the Company beneficially owned by Insiders or their Associates.
- (I) **"Eligible Person**" means an Employee, Director (including an Outside Director), or Officer of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries and, except in relation to a Consultant company, includes a company that is wholly-owned by such persons.
- (m) **"Employee**" means an individual who is a bona fide employee of the Company or of any Subsidiary of the Company and includes:
  - (i) an individual who is considered an employee of the Company or its Subsidiary under the *Income Tax Act* (Canada) (i.e. for whom income tax, employment insurance and CPP deductions must be made at source),
  - (ii) an individual who works full-time for the Company or its Subsidiary providing services normally provided by an employee and who is subject to the same control and direction by the Company over the details and methods of work, as an employee of the Company, but for whom income tax deductions are not made at source,
  - (iii) an individual who works for the Company or its Subsidiary on a continuing and regular basis for a minimum amount of time per week providing services normally provided by an employee and who is subject to the same control and direction by the Company over the details and methods of work as an employee of the Company, but for whom income tax deductions are not made at source, and
  - (iv) a bona fide Consultant of the Company or of a Subsidiary of the Company who is approved for participation in this Plan by the Board and in respect of whom the Company has qualified by way of an exemption, or has obtained an order from any securities commission or other regulatory authority having jurisdiction over the granting of options to consultants, permitting granting of the Option.
- (n) **"Exchange**" means the Toronto Stock Exchange.
- (o) **"Exercise Notice**" means a written notice of exercise of an Option delivered by the Optionee hereunder to the Company and shall be substantially in the form of Exhibit "I" attached to Schedule "A" hereto.
- (p) **"Insider**" of the Company shall mean a Participant who is an "insider" of the Company as defined in the Securities Act.
- (q) "Market Price" means the higher of the closing price of the Shares on the Exchange on:
   (i) the date the Option is granted and (ii) the last trading day preceding the date the Option is granted.

- (r) "Officer" has the meaning ascribed thereto in the Securities Act.
- (s) "**Option**" shall mean an incentive stock option granted under the terms of the Plan.
- (t) **"Option Commitment**" means a notice of grant of an Option delivered by the Company hereunder to an Optionee and shall be substantially in the form of Schedule "A" attached hereto.
- (u) "**Option Period**" shall mean the period during which an Option may be exercised.
- (v) "**Optionee**" shall mean a Participant to whom an Option has been granted under the terms of the Plan.
- (w) **"Outside Director**" means every Director of the Company who is not a full-time Employee of, or Consultant to, the Company or any of its Subsidiaries.
- (x) **"Participant"** means, in respect of the Plan, an Eligible Person who elects to participate in the Plan.
- (y) "Plan" means the Incentive Stock Option Plan established and operated pursuant to Article II hereof.
- (z) "**Resignation**" means the cessation of employment (as an Officer or Employee) of the Participant with the Company or any of its Subsidiaries as a result of resignation, including as a result of retirement.
- (aa) **"Securities Act**" means the *Securities Act*, R.S.B.C., 1996 c.418, as amended from time to time.
- (bb) **"Share Compensation Arrangement**" means the Plan described herein and any other stock option, stock option plan, employee stock purchase plan, share distribution plan or any other compensation or incentive mechanism involving the issuance or potential issuance of Shares to one or more Eligible Persons.
- (cc) "Shares" shall mean the common shares of the Company.
- (dd) "Subsidiary" has the meaning ascribed thereto in the Securities Act.
- (ee) **"Termination With Cause**" means the termination of employment (as an Officer or Employee) of the Participant with cause by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries (and does not include Resignation).
- (ff) **"Termination Without Cause"** means the termination of employment (as an Officer or Employee) of the Participant without cause by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries (and does not include Resignation) and, in the case of an Officer, includes the removal of or failure to reappoint the Participant as an Officer of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries.

## 1.3 <u>Agreement</u>

The Company and every person to whom an Option is awarded hereunder shall be bound by and subject to the terms of this Plan.

#### 1.4 Interpretation

The Plan will be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the Province of British Columbia and the laws of Canada applicable therein.

#### 1.5 <u>Headings</u>

The headings used herein are for convenience only and are not to affect the interpretation of the Plan.

# ARTICLE II STOCK OPTION PLAN

## 2.1 <u>Participation</u>

Options to purchase Shares may be granted hereunder to Eligible Persons.

#### 2.2 <u>Determination of Option Recipients</u>

The Board shall make all necessary or desirable determinations regarding the granting of Options to Eligible Persons and may take into consideration the present and potential contributions of a particular Eligible Person to the success of the Company and any other factors which it may deem proper and relevant.

#### 2.3 Exercise Price

The exercise price per Option shall be determined by the Board but, in any event, shall not be lower than the Market Price. Any reduction in the exercise price of an Option held by an Optionee who is an Insider of the Company at the time of the proposed reduction will require Disinterested Shareholder Approval.

## 2.4 <u>Grant of Options</u>

The Board may at any time authorize the granting of Options to such Eligible Persons as it may select for the number of Shares that it shall designate, subject to the provisions of the Plan. The Compensation Committee shall make annual recommendations to the Board for grants of Options following each year end. A Director of the Company to whom an Option may be granted shall not participate in the decision of the Board to grant such Option. The date of each grant of Options shall be determined by the Board when the grant is authorized.

#### 2.5 Option Commitment

Each Option granted to an Optionee shall be evidenced by an Option Commitment detailing the terms of the Option and upon delivery of the Option Commitment to the Optionee by the Company the

Optionee shall have the right to purchase the Shares underlying the Option at the exercise price set out therein, subject to any provisions as to the vesting of the Option, which the Board may determine.

# 2.6 <u>Terms of Options</u>

Subject to the early expiry provisions contained elsewhere in this Plan, the expiry date (the "**Expiry Date**") of an Option shall be the date so fixed by the Board at the time the particular Option is awarded, provided, however, that the Option Period shall not be longer than 5 years. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event that any Option expires during, or within 48 hours after, a self imposed blackout period on trading due to the applicable policies of the Company in respect of insider trading, such Expiry Date will be automatically extended to and will become the tenth day following the end of the blackout period. Any Options not exercised within the Option Period shall terminate and become null, void and of no effect as of 5:00 p.m. local time in Vancouver, British Columbia on the Expiry Date, as extended if applicable.

# 2.7 <u>Exercise of Option</u>

Subject to the provisions of the Plan, an Option may be exercised from time to time prior to the Expiry Date by delivery to the Company of a completed Exercise Notice accompanied by payment in full by certified cheque, money order or such other manner of payment as may be acceptable to the Company of the exercise price for the Shares to be purchased plus such amount as may be required by applicable legislation for statutory withholdings. Certificates for such Shares shall be issued and delivered to the Optionee within a reasonable time following the receipt of such notice and payment.

# 2.8 Cashless Exercise

Notwithstanding any other provision of the Plan and except as otherwise provided in an Option Commitment, an Optionee may choose to undertake a cashless exercise with the assistance of a broker in order to facilitate the exercise of such Optionee's Options (a "**Cashless Exercise**"). In the event of a Cashless Exercise, the Optionee will not be required to deliver to the Company a certified cheque, money order or such other manner of payment referred to in Section 2.7 above. Instead, in the Exercise Notice, the Optionee will elect the Cashless Exercise option and the following procedure will be followed:

- (a) the Optionee will instruct a broker selected by the Optionee to sell, through the Exchange, the Shares issuable upon exercise of its Options as soon as possible and at the applicable market price for the Shares;
- (b) on the settlement date for the trade, the Company will direct its registrar and transfer agent to issue a certificate in the name of the broker (or as the broker may otherwise direct) for the number of Shares issued on exercise of the Option, against payment by the broker to the Company of the exercise price for such Shares under the terms of the Option Commitment, plus such amount as may be required by applicable legislation for statutory withholdings; and
- (c) the broker will deliver to the Optionee the remaining proceeds of sale, net of the brokerage commission,

provided, however, that in the event of a Cashless Exercise, the Optionee must comply with all such other procedures and policies as the Board or Compensation Committee may prescribe or determine to be necessary or advisable from time to time in connection with such exercise.

## 2.9 <u>Vesting</u>

Options granted pursuant to the Plan shall vest and become exercisable by an Optionee at such time or times as may be determined by the Board at the date of the Option grant and as indicated in the Option Commitment related thereto.

Subject to the Board of Directors' discretion, Options may have a vesting period of up to three years, with 1/3 of the Options vesting 12 months from the date of grant; 1/3 of the Options vesting 24 months from the date of grant; and the remaining 1/3 vesting 36 months from the date of grant.

## 2.10 <u>Death or Disability of Optionee</u>

In the event of:

- (a) the death of a Participant, any unvested Options held by such Participant will automatically vest and become exercisable on the date of death of such Participant and all Options shall be exercisable for a period of 12 months after the date of death, subject to the expiration of such Options occurring prior to the end of such 12-month period; or
- (b) the disability of a Participant (as may be determined in accordance with the policies, if any, or general practices of the Company or any Subsidiary), any unvested Options held by such Participant will automatically vest and become exercisable on the date on which the Participant is determined to be totally disabled and all Options shall be exercisable for a period of 12 months after the date the Participant is determined to be totally disabled, subject to the expiration of such Options occurring prior to the end of such 12-month period.

# 2.11 <u>Termination Without Cause</u>

In the event of Termination Without Cause of a Participant, any vested Options held by such Participant shall be exercisable for a period of 90 days after the date of Termination Without Cause, but any unvested Options held by the Participant shall expire on the date of Termination Without Cause and become void and the Participant shall have no entitlement and will forfeit any rights to any issuance of Shares under this Plan in connection with such unvested Options, except as may otherwise be stipulated in the Participant's Option Commitment or as otherwise determined by the Board.

# 2.12 <u>Resignation</u>

In the event of Resignation of a Participant, all of the Participant's Options that have vested shall be exercisable for a period of 90 days after the date of Resignation, subject to the expiration of such Options occurring prior to the end of such 90-day period, and any unvested Options held by such Participant shall expire and become void on the date of Resignation.

## 2.13 <u>Termination With Cause</u>

In the event of Termination With Cause of a Participant, all of the Participant's Options shall expire and become void on the date of Termination With Cause and the Participant shall have no entitlement and will forfeit any rights to any issuance of Shares under Options awarded under this Plan, except as may otherwise be stipulated in the Participant's Option Commitment, employment agreement or as may otherwise be determined by the Board in its sole and absolute discretion.

## 2.14 <u>Subject to Employment/Severance Agreements</u>

Sections 2.10, 2.11, 2.12 and 2.13 shall be subject to any employment/severance agreement between the Participant and the Company or any of its Subsidiaries.

## 2.15 Effect of Take-Over Bid

If a bona fide offer (the "**Offer**") for Shares is made to the Optionee or to shareholders generally or to a class of shareholders which includes the Optionee, which Offer, if accepted in whole or in part, would result in the offeror exercising control over the Company within the meaning of the Securities Act, then the Company shall, immediately upon receipt of notice of the Offer, notify each Optionee of the full particulars of the Offer. The Board will have the sole discretion to amend, abridge or otherwise eliminate any vesting schedule so that notwithstanding the other terms of this Plan, such Option may be exercised in whole or in part by the Optionee so as to permit the Optionee to tender the Shares received upon such exercise (the "**Optioned Shares**") pursuant to the Offer. If:

- (a) the Offer is not complied with within the time specified therein;
- (b) the Optionee does not tender the Optioned Shares pursuant to the Offer; or
- (c) all of the Optioned Shares tendered by the Optionee pursuant to the Offer are not taken up and paid for by the offeror in respect thereof;

then at the discretion of the Board, the Optioned Shares or, in the case of clause (c) above, the Optioned Shares that are not taken up and paid for, shall be returned by the Optionee to the Company and reinstated as authorized but unissued Shares and the terms of the Option as set forth in this Plan and the Option Commitment shall again apply to the Option. If any Optioned Shares are returned to the Company under this Section, the Company shall refund the exercise price to the Optionee for such Optioned Shares.

# 2.16 Effect of Reorganization, Amalgamation or Merger

If the Company is reorganized, amalgamated or merges with or into another company, at the discretion of the Board, each Option will thereafter be deemed to entitle the holder to receive upon due exercise of the Option, not Shares of the Company, but instead the securities or property which the Optionee would have received upon such reorganization, amalgamation or merger as if the Optionee had exercised the Option immediately prior to the record date applicable to such reorganization, amalgamation or merger, and the exercise price shall be adjusted appropriately by the Board, subject to any applicable Exchange or other regulatory approvals, and such adjustment shall be binding for all purposes of the Plan.

# 2.17 Effect of Change of Control

If a Change of Control occurs, all Shares subject to each outstanding Option will become fully vested at the effective time of the Change of Control, whereupon such Option may be exercised in whole or in part by the Optionee.

## 2.18 Adjustment in Shares Subject to the Plan

If prior to the exercise of any Option, the Shares are consolidated, subdivided, converted, exchanged or reclassified or are in any way substituted for (collectively, the "**Event**"), an Option, to the extent it has or has not been exercised shall be adjusted by the Board in accordance with such Event in the manner the Board determines appropriate. The Company will not be required to issue fractional shares in satisfaction of its obligations hereunder. Any fractional interest in a Share that would, except for this provision, be deliverable upon the exercise of an Option will be cancelled. If any questions arise at any time with respect to the exercise price or number of Shares deliverable upon exercise of an Option as a result of an Event, Incentive Stock Option Plan such questions will be conclusively determined by the Company's auditors, or, if they decline to so act, any other firm of Chartered Accountants that the Company may designate and who will have access to all appropriate records and such determination will be binding upon the Company and all Optionees.

## 2.19 <u>Clawback</u>

It is a condition of each grant of Options that in the event of:

- (a) Termination With Cause of a Participant, or the Board reasonably determines after termination of a Participant's employment that the termination could have been Termination With Cause;
- (b) the Board reasonably determining that a Participant engaged in conduct that causes material financial or reputational harm to the Company or its Affiliates, or engaged in gross negligence, willful misconduct or fraud in respect of the performance of the Participant's duties for the Company or an Affiliate of the Company; or
- (c) the Company's financial statements (the "**Original Statements**") being required to be restated (other than solely as a result of a change in accounting policy by the Company or under International Financial Reporting Standards applicable to the Company) and such restated financial statements disclose, in the opinion of the Board acting reasonably, materially worse financial results than those contained in the Original Statements,

then the Board may, in its sole discretion, to the full extent permitted by governing law and to the extent it determines that such action is in the best interest of the Company, and in addition to any other rights that the Company or an Affiliate may have at law or under any agreement, take any or all of the following actions, as applicable:

- (i) reduce the number of, or cancel and terminate, any one or more unvested grants of Options, or cancel or terminate any outstanding grants of Options which have vested in the twelve (12) months prior to: (y) the date of Termination With Cause of a Participant or the date the Board makes a determination under paragraph (a) or (b) above; or (z) the date on which the Board determines that the Company's Original Statements are required to be restated, in the event paragraph (c) above applies (each such date provided for in clause (y) and (z) of this paragraph (i) being a "Relevant Equity Recoupment Date"); and/or
- (ii) require payment to the Company of the value of any Shares acquired by the Participant pursuant to a grant of Options in the twelve (12) months prior to a Relevant Equity Recoupment Date (less any amount paid by the Participant to acquire such Shares and less the amount of tax withheld pursuant to the Income Tax Act (Canada) or other relevant taxing authority in respect of such Shares).

## 2.20 <u>Other Recoupment</u>

Notwithstanding anything in this Plan to the contrary, any Option Commitment may also provide for the cancellation or forfeiture of a grant of Options or the forfeiture and repayment to the Company of any gain related to a grant of Options, or other provisions intended to have a similar effect, upon such terms and conditions as may be required by the Board or by applicable law.

# ARTICLE III GENERAL

## 3.1 Maximum Number of Shares

- (a) Subject to Section 2.18 hereof, the aggregate number of Shares issuable upon the exercise of all Options granted under the Plan shall not exceed <u>10,000,000</u><u>15,000,000</u> Shares.
- (b) Options that have been exercised, cancelled or that have expired or terminated for any reason in accordance with the terms of the Plan, shall again be available for grant under the Plan.
- (c) The aggregate number of Shares reserved for issuance pursuant to this Plan or any other Share Compensation Arrangement (pre-existing or otherwise) to any one Participant within a one-year period shall not exceed 10% of the Shares outstanding at the time of the grant unless the Company has obtained the requisite Disinterested Shareholder Approval.
- (d) The aggregate number of Shares reserved for issuance pursuant to this Plan or any other Share Compensation Arrangement (pre-existing or otherwise) to Insiders shall not exceed 10% of the Shares outstanding from time to time unless the Company has obtained the requisite Disinterested Shareholder Approval.

- (e) The aggregate number of Shares which may be issued pursuant to this Plan or any other Share Compensation Arrangement (pre-existing or otherwise) to Insiders within a one-year period shall not exceed 10% of the Shares outstanding from time to time unless the Company has obtained the requisite Disinterested Shareholder Approval.
- (f) The value of any Options granted to Outside Directors under this Plan shall not exceed CAD\$100,000 per year per Outside Director, provided, however, the aggregate number of Shares that may be issued pursuant to this Plan, together with any Shares that may be issued pursuant toreserved for issuance to any Outside Director under this Plan within a one year period, when calculated in combination with all other equity awards granted to such Outside Director under any other Share Compensation Arrangement (pre-existing or otherwise), to all Outside Directors shall not exceed 1% of the Shares outstanding on a non-diluted basis from time to time and the value of any Options granted to Outside Directors shall not exceed \$100,000 per year be limited to an annual equity award value of CAD\$150,000 per Outside Director.

## 3.2 <u>Transferability</u>

Options are not assignable or transferable other than by will or by the applicable laws of descent. During the lifetime of an Optionee, all Options may only be exercised by the Optionee.

## 3.3 <u>Employment</u>

Nothing contained in the Plan shall confer upon any Optionee any right with respect to employment or continuance of employment with the Company or any Subsidiary, or interfere in any way with the right of the Company or any Subsidiary, to terminate the Optionee's employment at any time. Participation in the Plan by an Optionee is voluntary.

## 3.4 <u>No Shareholder Rights</u>

An Optionee shall not have any rights as a shareholder of the Company with respect to any of the Shares covered by an Option until the Optionee exercises such Option in accordance with the terms of the Plan and the Shares are issued by the Company.

## 3.5 <u>Record Keeping</u>

The Company shall maintain a register in which shall be recorded the name and address of each Optionee, the number of Options granted to an Optionee, the details thereof and the number of Options outstanding.

## 3.6 <u>Necessary Approvals</u>

The Plan shall be effective only upon the approval of the Board, the shareholders of the Company by ordinary resolution or Disinterested Shareholder Approval, as applicable, and acceptance by the Exchange. The obligation of the Company to sell and deliver Shares in accordance with the Plan is subject to the approval of any governmental authority having jurisdiction or any stock exchanges on which the Shares are listed for trading which may be required in connection with the authorization, issuance or sale of such Shares by the Company. If any Shares cannot be issued to any Optionee for any

reason including, without limitation, the failure to obtain such approval, then the obligation of the Company to issue such Shares shall terminate and any exercise price paid by an Optionee to the Company shall be returned to the Optionee.

## 3.7 Administration of the Plan

The Board is authorized to interpret the Plan from time to time and to adopt, amend and rescind rules and regulations for carrying out the Plan. The interpretation and construction of any provision of the Plan by the Board shall be final and conclusive. Administration of the Plan shall be the responsibility of the appropriate officers of the Company and all costs in respect thereof shall be paid by the Company.

## 3.8 <u>Withholding</u>

The Company or its Subsidiaries may withhold from any amount payable to a Participant, either under this Plan, or otherwise, such amount as may be necessary so as to ensure that the Company or its Subsidiaries will be able to comply with the applicable provisions of any federal, provincial, state or local law relating to the withholding of tax or other required deductions, including on the amount, if any, includable in the income of a Participant. Each of the Company and its Subsidiaries shall also have the right in its discretion to satisfy any such withholding tax liability by retaining, acquiring or selling on behalf of a Participant any Shares which would otherwise be issued or provided to a Participant hereunder.

## 3.9 <u>Amendments to the Plan</u>

The Board shall have the power to, without shareholder approval, at any time and from time to time, either prospectively or retrospectively, amend, suspend, or terminate this Plan or any Option granted under this Plan:

- (a) for the purposes of making minor or technical modifications to any of the provisions of this Plan;
- (b) to correct any ambiguity, defective provisions, error or omission in the provisions of this Plan or to reflect changes to applicable securities or taxation laws;
- (c) to change any vesting provisions of Options;
- (d) to change the termination provisions of this Plan or to extend the expiration date of any Option provided that the period during which an Option is exercisable does not exceed 5 years from the date the Option is granted;
- (e) to add or change provisions relating to any form of financial assistance provided by the Company to Eligible Persons that would facilitate the purchase of securities under the Plan; and
- (f) to add a cashless exercise feature to any Option or to the Plan, providing for the payment in cash or securities upon the exercise of Options,

provided however that:

- (g) such amendment, suspension or termination is in accordance with applicable laws and the rules of any stock exchange on which the Shares are listed;
- (h) no such amendment, suspension or termination shall be made at any time to the extent such action would materially adversely affect the existing rights of an Optionee with respect to any then outstanding Option, as determined by the Board acting in good faith, without his or her consent in writing; and
- (i) the Board shall obtain shareholder approval of the following;
  - (i) any amendment to increase the maximum number of Shares issuable upon the exercise of all Options granted under the Plan specified in Section 3.1(a) (other than pursuant to Section 2.18);
  - (ii) any amendment that would reduce the exercise price of an outstanding Option (other than pursuant to Section 2.18);
  - (iii) any amendment that would extend the term of any Option;
  - (iv) any amendment that would remove or exceed the participation limits set out in Sections 3.1(d), (e) and (f);
  - (v) any amendment to Section 3.2 with respect to assignment or transferability of the Options;
  - (vi) any amendment that would materially modify the eligibility requirements for participation in this Plan;
  - (vii) any amendment that would materially increase the benefits to a holder of Options who is an Insider to the material detriment of the Company and its shareholders; and
  - (viii) a change to this Section 3.9 of this Plan.

## 3.10 No Representation or Warranty

The Company makes no representation or warranty as to the future market value of any Shares issued in accordance with the provisions of the Plan.

## 3.11 <u>Compliance with Applicable Law</u>

If any provision of the Plan or any agreement entered into pursuant to the Plan contravenes any law or any order, policy, by-law or regulation of any regulatory body or stock exchange having authority over the Company or the Plan then such provision shall be deemed to be amended to the extent required to bring such provision into compliance therewith.

#### Schedule "A"

#### **OPTION COMMITMENT**

Notice is hereby given that, effective this \_\_\_\_\_day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, Lucara Diamond Corp. (the "**Company**") has granted to **[Name of Optionee]**, \_\_\_\_\_\_ Options, with each Option exercisable to acquire one Share, up to 5:00 p.m. Vancouver Time on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ (the "**Expiry Date**"), at an exercise price of CdnCAD\$[price per Share] per share (the "**Exercise Price**").

The grant of the Options evidenced hereby is made subject to the terms and conditions of the Company's Incentive Stock Option Plan (the "**Plan**"), a copy of which is attached hereto and whose terms, conditions and definitions are hereby incorporated herein. This Option Commitment and the Plan shall be collectively referred to herein as the "**Option Documents**".

The Shares may be acquired as follows:

## [Enter vesting provisions, as applicable]

In the event there is a Change of Control of the Company, as such term is defined in the Plan, the Options represented by this Option Commitment shall immediately vest, subject to stock exchange approval as applicable.

To exercise your Options, deliver a completed Exercise Notice to the Company and, unless you otherwise choose to undertake a Cashless Exercise, certified cheque(s) or bank draft(s) in full payment of the Exercise Price plus all statutory deductions and withholdings, if any. Certificate(s) for such Shares shall be issued and delivered to the Optionee within a reasonable time following the receipt of the Exercise Notice and, if applicable, receipt of the requisite payment(s).

Please acknowledge acceptance of this Option Commitment on the terms and conditions prescribed herein by returning a signed (where indicated below) copy of the same to the Company (Attention: Corporate Secretary). By signing and delivering a copy of this Option Commitment to the Company, you are acknowledging receipt of a copy of the Plan and are agreeing to be bound by all of the terms contained therein.

#### LUCARA DIAMOND CORP.

Authorized	Signator	V
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## **Election to Accept Option**

I, , have read the	ne Option Documents a	nd hereby	elect, acknowledge
and agree to accept this Option and to be bound by the	e Option Documents this	s day of	f, 20

Signature:

Address:

Witness		
Witness Name:		

## (Printed) NOTICE OF STOCK OPTION EXERCISE

TO: <u>Lucara Diamond Corp.</u> (the "Company") Suite <del>502</del>2800, <del>1250 Homer</del>Four Bentall Centre <u>1055 Dunsmuir</u> Street, <u>PO Box 49225</u> Vancouver, BC V<del>6B</del>-<u>7X 1L</u>2<del>Y5</del> Attn: Corporate Secretary

#### Re: Stock Option Exercise

The undersigned hereby irrevocably gives notice, pursuant to the Company's Incentive Stock Option Plan (the "**Plan**"), of the exercise of Options to purchase \_\_\_\_\_ Shares at CdnCAD\$\_\_\_\_ per Share, pursuant to an Option Commitment from the Company dated effective \_\_\_\_\_. Upon exercise hereof, there will be \_\_\_\_\_\_ Shares remaining available for exercise in my aforementioned Option Commitment.

## Check Applicable Box:

□ (Insert Name of Optionee or Broker) has provided a certified cheque/bank draft (circle one) made payable to the Company in the amount of CdnCAD\$\_\_\_\_\_\_, representing payment of the Exercise Price of the Shares plus all statutory withholdings, as applicable, in accordance with Section 2.7 of the Plan; OR

□ The undersigned hereby elects a Cashless Exercise in accordance with Section 2.8 of the Plan and hereby authorizes (*Insert Name of Broker*) to engage in such transactions as may be required to facilitate the Cashless Exercise.

The undersigned hereby requests that the Shares issuable upon the exercise noted hereon be registered and delivered as follows, and confirms that such registration does not constitute a change in beneficial interest: (1)

Registration Instructions	Delivery Instructions
Name:	Name:
Account reference, if applicable:	_ Account reference, if applicable:
Address:	_ Address:
	_ Contact Name:
	_ Contact Telephone Number:

<u>Note</u>

(1) If a Cashless Exercise is being elected, please provide registration and delivery instructions as directed by your broker.

Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined in this notice shall have the meanings given to such terms in the Plan.

Dated the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_.

(Signature)

(Name - please print)

Social Insurance No. (for tax purposes only)

Please remember to keep a copy of this form for your records