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LUCARA ANNOUNCES NON-BROKERED PRIVATE PLACEMENT BACKED BY THE LUNDIN FAMILY TRUSTS, TO ADVANCE UNDERGROUND PROJECT

VANCOUVER, B.C., January 9, 2026 /CNW/ (LUC – TSX, LUC – BSE, LUC – Nasdaq FNGM)

Lucara Diamond Corp. ("Lucara" or the "Company") is pleased to announce a non-brokered private placement (the "Private Placement") of common shares in the capital of Lucara (the "Common Shares") for minimum aggregate gross proceeds of \$70.0 million. The Private Placement will consist of the issuance of a minimum of 437,500,000 Common Shares (the "Offered Securities") at a price of \$0.16 per Offered Security. All dollar amounts reflected in Canadian dollars unless otherwise stated.

The Company expects that the net proceeds of the Private Placement will be used to advance the Karowe Underground Project (the "UGP"), including for shaft equipping, conveyance commissioning and lateral development, extraction and drill horizon development, as well as for general working capital and corporate purposes.

The Offered Securities will be issued on a private placement basis pursuant to exemptions from prospectus requirements under applicable securities laws, and will be subject to a Canadian statutory hold period of four months and one day from the date of issuance. The Company may pay a finder's fee of 5% in connection with a portion of the Private Placement. Completion of the Private Placement will be subject to regulatory approval, including the approval of the Toronto Stock Exchange (the "TSX") and other customary regulatory approvals and closing conditions for a transaction of this nature including, but not limited to, execution of subscription agreements between the Company and the subscribers to the Private Placement. The Private Placement is also conditional upon the Company not being required to obtain any shareholder approvals in respect of the Private Placement (whether by way of exemption by the TSX or otherwise). The Company anticipates closing of the Private Placement to occur in late January, subject to receipt of all necessary regulatory approvals.

Trusts settled by the late Adolf H. Lundin (the "Lundin Family Trusts") have indicated their intention to participate in the Private Placement in order to maintain, and potentially increase, their interest in the Company by subscribing for up to \$70.0 million of the Private Placement. Nemesia S.a.r.l, a private entity controlled by the Lundin Family Trusts is currently the Company's largest shareholder, and as such, any participation in the Private Placement by the Lundin Family Trusts would be considered a "related party transaction" as defined under Multilateral Instrument 61-101 – Protection of Minority Security Holders in Special Transactions ("MI 61-101"). The Company intends to rely on exemptions from the formal valuation and minority shareholder approval requirements of MI 61-101 and the TSX Rules related to the Company's financial hardship.

The Company expects that full financing for the UGP will be achieved through a combination of operating cash flows, the Private Placement, additional debt financing, and ongoing collaboration with the Company's existing lenders to address any remaining funding requirements. The Company is considering different alternatives for such additional debt financing, including a potential bond issue whereby the Company has mandated Clarksons Securities and Pareto Securities as advisors.

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The securities offered have not been, and will not be, registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "U.S. Securities Act"), or any U.S. state securities laws, and may not be offered or sold in the United States without registration under the U.S. Securities Act and all applicable U.S. securities laws, or in compliance with an applicable exemption therefrom.

William Lamb, President and CEO of Lucara, commented, "We are pleased to advance this equity raise with the support of the Lundin Family Trusts, whose participation underscores the strategic significance of the Karowe UGP. This financing will enhance our ability to accelerate key developments planned for 2026."

On behalf of the Board,

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ABOUT LUCARA

Lucara is a leading independent producer of large exceptional quality Type Ila diamonds from its 100% owned Karowe Diamond Mine in Botswana. The Karowe mine has been in production since 2012 and is the focus of the Company's operations and development activities. Lucara has an experienced board and management team with extensive diamond development and operations expertise. Lucara and its subsidiaries operate transparently and in accordance with international best practices in the areas of sustainability, health and safety, environment, and community relations. Lucara is certified by the Responsible Jewellery Council, complies with the Kimberley Process, and has adopted the IFC Performance Standards and the World Bank Group's Environmental, Health and Safety Guidelines for Mining (2007). The development of the UGP adheres to the Equator Principles. Lucara is committed to upholding high standards while striving to deliver long-term economic benefits to Botswana and the communities in which the Company operates.

The information in this release is subject to the disclosure requirements of Lucara pursuant to the EU Market Abuse Regulation. The Company's certified adviser on the Nasdaq First North Growth Market is Bergs Securities AB, ca@bergssecurities.se, +46 739 49 62 50. This information was submitted for publication, through the agency of the contact person set out above, on January 9, 2026, at 2:30 p.m. Pacific Time.

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Forward-looking information and forward-looking statements may include, but are not limited to, information or statements with respect to the principle terms of the Private Placement, the anticipated timing of closing of the Private Placement, if at all, the anticipated use of proceeds of the Private Placement, the ability of the Company to obtain full financing and the means by which it may do so, the ability of the Company to obtain the necessary regulatory approvals to consummate the Private Placement, the availability of certain exemptions to the prospectus requirements pursuant to applicable securities laws, the availability of certain exemptions to the formal valuation and minority shareholder approval requirements pursuant to MI 61-101 and the shareholder approval requirements under the TSX Rules, the participation in the Private Placement from the Lundin Family Trusts, that the full financing for the UGP will be achieved, that additional debt financing will be available, that the Company will proceed with the issuance of a bond, that the Company's existing lenders will continue to engage with the Company and the ability of the Company to accelerate key developments planned for 2026.

While these factors and assumptions are considered reasonable by the Company as at the date of this news release in light of management's experience and perception of current conditions and expected developments, these statements are inherently subject to significant business, economic and competitive uncertainties and contingencies. Known and unknown factors could cause actual results to differ materially from those projected in the forward-looking information and undue reliance should not be placed on such information. Such factors include, but are not limited to: risks relating to the construction and development of the UGP, including potential delays, cost overruns and project execution risks, the Company's ability to comply with the terms of the Facilities (as defined in the Company's most recent MD&A) required to construct the UGP, the risk of future non-compliance or lender enforcement actions, including demands for repayment and the impact of any such event on the Company's business and financial condition, expected cash flow from operations, combined with external financing will be sufficient to complete construction of the UGP, that the estimated timelines to achieve mine ramp up and full production from the UGP can be achieved, that sufficient stockpiled ore of sufficient grade and value will be available to generate revenue prior to the achievement of commercial production of the UGP, the economic potential of a mineralized area, the size and tonnage of a mineralized area, anticipated sample grades or bulk sample diamond content, expectations that the UGP and the pit steepening project will extend mine life, forecasts of additional revenues, future production activity, that depletion and amortization expense on assets will be affected by both the volume of carats recovered in any given period and the reserves that are expected to be recovered, the future price and demand for, and supply of, diamonds, expectations regarding the scheduling of activities for the UGP, and that the Company will be able to secure all required financing for the UGP, including any remaining funding requirements, on acceptable terms or within the anticipated timeframe.

Forward-looking information and statements are based on the opinions and estimates of management as of the date such statements are made, and they are subject to several known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors which may cause the actual results, performance or achievements of the Company to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievement expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements due to a variety of risks, uncertainties, and other factors, including, without limitation, those referred to in this news release. The foregoing is not exhaustive of the factors that may affect any of our forward-looking statements. The Company believes that expectations reflected in this forward-looking information are reasonable, but no assurance can be given that these expectations will prove to be correct. Certain risks which could impact the Company are discussed under the heading "Risks and Uncertainties" in the Company's most recent MD&A and in the Company's most recent Annual Information Form available on SEDAR+ at www.sedarplus.ca.

Although the Company has attempted to identify important factors that could cause actual actions, events or results to differ materially from those described in forward-looking statements, there may be other factors that cause actions, events or results not to be as anticipated, estimated or intended. Accordingly, readers and investors should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements. Forward-looking information and statements contained in this news release are made as of the date of this news release and accordingly are subject to change after such date. Except as required by law, the Company disclaims any obligation to revise any forward-looking information and statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date of such information and statements. All forward-looking information and



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