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**Rio Tinto's Canadian and Australian mines to hold "specials" tender.**

Rio Tinto's Canadian and Australian mines will provide a selection of the finest rough diamonds to be tendered to diamond specialists from around the world in October and November.

Headlining Rio Tinto's forthcoming "Specials" Tender, which showcases rough diamonds greater than 10.8 carats, is Lot number 1, Diavik Helios, a 74.48 carat Fancy yellow diamond. The Diavik Helios takes its name from the pure yellow sunlight emitted by the mythical Greek God of the Sun.

Fancy yellow diamonds are rare finds from the Diavik diamond mine in the remote Northwest Territories of Canada which primarily produces high quality white diamonds. Patrick Coppens, General Manager, Sales and marketing for Rio Tinto's diamonds business said "Since the Diavik mine began production in 2003 it has produced on average only five large yellow diamonds each year, in effect less than 0.001 per cent of Diavik's annual production.

"The Diavik Helios is an exceptional diamond in terms of its colour saturation and clarity and will be in strong demand from coloured diamond specialists around the world."

The Specials tender is also notable for including the last of the rough diamonds in this category from the Argyle mine in the east Kimberley region of Australia. 28,399 carats of rough Argyle diamonds are included, showcasing the famed Argyle coloured diamonds, together with a beautiful 26 carat white gem quality rough Argyle diamond.

Andrew Wilson, General manager of the Argyle mine said "Since it began production in 1983, the Argyle mine has produced more than 865 million carats of rough diamonds. With the mine closing at the end of 2020 the Argyle rough diamonds presented at this tender are a final rare and collectible offering from one of the world's greatest diamond mines."

The Tender will be physically showcased in both Antwerp and Tel Aviv, together with virtual and online viewings to cater for COVID-19 restrictions. Bids close on November 9, 2020.

**BlueRock Diamonds PLC sells 2,900 carat diamond parcel at average of \$300 per carat**

BlueRock Diamonds PLC, the AIM listed diamond producer, which owns and operates the Kareevlei Diamond Mine in the Kimberley region of South Africa, has sold 2,900 carats at an average price of US\$300 per carat for an aggregate consideration of US\$870,165.

BlueRock Executive Chairman, Mike Houston, said, "This is the third successful private sale conducted through an agent in South Africa at a price, which we consider competitive in the current market, demonstrating the consistent strong demand for our high quality diamonds from long-standing customers. "We will continue to update the market with upcoming sales both through private sales in South Africa and also our previously announced plan to export directly which remains a key objective for BlueRock."

**ALROSA holds first auction for special roughs in Dubai since the start of the pandemic.**

The company sold 167 rough diamonds with a total weight of 2,479 carats, earning \$8.7 million. Clients from the UAE, Belgium, Israel, India, Russia and the US (33 companies in total) bought the goods.

"We are pleased to announce that our Dubai office is hosting auctions again. Customers from six countries visited us there to view the rough diamonds. The auction generated good

results, 93% of the diamonds presented at the auction were sold," said Evgeny Agureev, Deputy CEO of ALROSA.

Under the current legislation, ALROSA sells special-size (over 10.8 carats) rough diamonds at auctions only. In March 2020, ALROSA suspended auctions due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Customers participated in online auctions with detailed digital copies of each rough diamond provided for review and detailed analysis. In May, the company started the return to the usual format by organizing auctions in its trading offices in Belgium and Israel.

### **Firestone Diamonds' Liqhobong Mine remains on care and maintenance**

Firestone Diamonds plc has provided its quarterly update on operations at its 75% owned Liqhobong Diamond Mine for the quarter ended 30 September 2020 (Q1 of the Company's 2021 financial year). Liqhobong remained on care and maintenance during the quarter.

On-site activities were focused on the continued servicing and maintenance of the production plant to ensure that it can be restarted in the shortest possible time and managing the water storage reservoirs to ensure that adequate levels are maintained and that the water level in the main pit is managed to allow for mining to resume within a reasonable time frame.

COVID-19 protocols have been put in place at Liqhobong to ensure early detection of the disease. Care and maintenance costs during the quarter of US\$1.2 million were in line with expectation (Q4- FY20: US\$3.2 million including contractor and employee termination costs of US\$1.9 million).

The Company had a closing cash balance of US\$7.3 million (Q4-FY20: US\$9.6 million).

Paul Bosma, Chief Executive Officer, commented: "Care and maintenance activities continued during the quarter aligned to our strategy to preserve cash and to retain our ability to recommence operations when the market for Liqhobong production has recovered sufficiently. Significant progress has also recently been made in confirming a debt standstill arrangement with ABSA until September 2021, with ABSA's approval, in principle, received during October 2020. We plan to sell a portion of our diamond inventory during November to assess the level of recovery for the Liqhobong assortment."

Meanwhile the Company in accordance with the terms of the US\$30.0 million Series A Eurobond debt facility ("Series A Eurobonds"), and subsequent to the passing of necessary resolutions at a General Meeting that was held on 15 October 2019 ("the General Meeting"), it has opted to issue, in aggregate, 48,397,818 new ordinary shares of 1 pence each ("Ordinary Shares") in respect of the quarterly interest due on the Series A Eurobonds, for the quarter ended 30 June 2020.

In terms of the resolutions, the Company is permitted to issue shares in respect of the interest due on the Series A Eurobonds to Pacific Road Resources Fund II L.P. and Pacific Road Resources Fund II (together "Pacific Road") and Resource Capital Fund VI L.P. ("RCF") for the 12 month period commencing from 1 July 2019 and ending on 30 June 2020 on a non-pre-emptive basis.

### **Angola diamond exchange may be in place by 2021**

The challenge of implementing the Angolan diamond exchange at the end of 2021 was launched on 21<sup>st</sup> October by the Minister of Mineral Resources, Oil and Gas, Diamantino

Azevedo, during a meeting with the PCA's of ENDIAMA, SODIAM and the international consultant, Peter Meeus. The challenge is to have the exchange operational on an experimental basis, even in temporary facilities, he said, adding that preliminary work is proceeding at a good pace. Peter Meeus will assist in the preparation of conditions for the creation and installation of the exchange, and is the leader of the technical group for the definition of the organizational structure and management of the institution. Angola will have as reference model the Dubai diamond exchange, of which Meeus was previously Honorary President and Administrative Director. The Governance Model of the Mining Sector, approved by Presidential Decree No. 143/20 of 26 May 2020 will be applied to the diamond exchange.

### **Petra Diamonds Limited announces special tender for Letlapa Tala (Blue Diamonds) Collection**

Petra Diamonds Limited has announced a special tender process for the Letlapa Tala Collection, being five blue diamonds of significant colour, clarity, size and heritage, all sourced from the famed Cullinan Mine in South Africa.

Letlapa Tala means 'blue rock' in Northern Sotho (commonly known as Pedi), the predominant language spoken in the Cullinan area.

The Letlapa Tala Collection consists of five Type IIb blue diamonds of 25.75, 21.25, 17.57, 11.42 and 9.61 carats in size. Type II diamonds contain no detectable nitrogen in their chemical structure and tend to display exceptional transparency. Type IIb stones contain a small amount of boron which is what determines their blue colour.

Blue diamonds are so rare that most people working in the diamond industry have never even seen one. There are no official statistics on their recovery

So it is therefore even more unusual that these five spectacular stones were all recovered within the space of one week's production in September 2020.

The Cullinan Mine is known as the world's most important source of blue diamonds, as well as being the source of many other historic and magnificent stones, including the 3,106 carat Cullinan diamond which was cut to form the 530 carat Great Star of Africa and the 317 carat Second Star of Africa, being the two largest diamonds in the British Crown Jewels. The unique geology of the Cullinan kimberlite pipe means that the majority of its diamonds are aged between 3.2 and 1.1 billion years old – spanning a time in the Earth's history from before the formation of the first major continents to the beginnings of multicellular life.

However, Type IIb blue diamonds are so rare that their age has not been established. Recent studies on minerals trapped inside these diamonds imply that they are amongst the deepest-formed diamonds ever found, created at depths in excess of 500km below the Earth's surface. The boron that gives their blue colour has been linked to seawater suggesting that these diamonds are a record of rocks from the ocean floor that have been transported to the lower mantle by plate tectonics, where these diamonds formed under conditions of extreme pressure and temperature. This is likely to be the first time that five blue rough diamonds have ever been offered for sale at one time, with buyers being offered the chance to bid either on individual stones, more than one, or for the entire collection.

The Letlapa Tala Collection will be available for viewings in the key diamond centres of: Antwerp: 25 October – 1 November 2020 Hong Kong: 5 – 10 November 2020 New York: 16 – 20 November 2020 The sales tender for the collection will take place shortly thereafter and will close at 3pm GMT on 24 November 2020.

**Petra Diamonds Limited proposes to undertake long-term restructuring.**

Throughout this calendar year Petra Diamonds Limited has been considering the Group's strategic options, including with respect to the maturity of its US\$650 million 7.25% Senior Secured Second Lien Notes (the "Notes") in May 2022. The Company updated the market on 29 May 2020 that it had reached agreement with an ad-hoc group of holders of the Notes (the "AHG") regarding forbearance in respect of the May 2020 interest payment due on the Notes pursuant to a "Forbearance Agreement", and also agreement with the Group's South African lender group regarding the Group's near-term liquidity position. Both of these agreements required Petra to work towards a long-term restructuring solution to improve the Group's capital structure.

To this end, the Company has engaged in an extended period of hitherto confidential discussions with the Group's relevant financial stakeholders and is pleased to announce that it has reached agreement in principle on a common set of commercial terms with respect to a long-term solution for the recapitalisation of the Group (the "Restructuring") with each of the AHG and the South African lender group.

The key features of the proposed Restructuring are as follows:

1. Partial reinstatement of the Notes debt and the contribution by holders of the existing Notes of US\$30.0 million in new money, each to take the form of new senior secured second lien notes ("New Notes"). It is expected that the New Notes will amount to approximately US\$337.0 million (including the new money and fees paid as part of the transaction in New Notes);
2. Conversion of the remainder of the Notes debt into equity, which will result in the Noteholder group holding 91% of the enlarged share capital of PDL;
3. Restructuring of the first lien facilities provided by the South African lender group; and
4. New governance arrangements and cashflow controls.

Richard Duffy, Chief Executive of Petra, said in part: "We are very pleased to announce today an agreement in principle between the Company and our financial stakeholders on the key terms of a restructuring that puts PDL on a viable footing going forward, for the benefit of all our stakeholders. "We own and operate world-class diamond assets; all of our South African mines are now back at normal operating levels, despite being subject to stringent COVID-19 precautionary measures. The Williamson mine in Tanzania remains on care and maintenance but we are continually evaluating when we can recommence operations, subject to more favourable market conditions. The Board believes the agreement in principle announced today provides the business with a stable, deleveraged capital structure that will ensure the short and long-term viability of the Company. Today is an important milestone for Petra, and we will continue to work constructively with our financial stakeholders to convert the agreement in principle into legally binding agreements and implement the Restructuring."

**Diamcor Mining Inc closes initial tranche of financing**

Diamcor Mining Inc. has announced that, pursuant to a Conditional Acceptance provided by the TSX Venture Exchange, the Company has closed an initial tranche of the convertible loan financing (the "Financing"). The initial tranche includes subscriptions from 5 investors for aggregate gross proceeds of \$954,500.00.

The Financing consists of unsecured convertible promissory notes (the “Notes”) having a term of two (2) years from the closing date and bearing interest at the rate of 10% per annum. During the first year, interest will accrue and be payable at the one year anniversary of the Note. In the second year, interest will accrue and be payable semi-annually. No principal payments will be required until maturity. The principal amount of the Notes will be convertible at the election of the noteholder into Class “A” Common Shares in the capital of the Company (the “Common Shares”) at the rate of CDN\$0.07 per share in the first year and at the rate of CDN\$0.10 per share in the second year.

In addition to the Notes, the Company has issued an aggregate of 2,727,142 non-transferable share purchase warrants to the participating investors, with each share purchase warrant entitling the holder thereof to purchase one (1) Common Share at a price of CDN\$0.15 for a period of two (2) years from the date of issuance (the “Warrants”). The number of Warrants issued to each participating investor is equal to 20% of the number of Common Shares into which the principal amount of the investor’s Note is convertible in the first year (Principal Amount ÷ CDN\$0.07 x 0.2).

The Company has also received subscriptions for an aggregate amount of approximately CDN\$1,603,998.67 representing principal and accrued interest under the one year term loans which matured on August 26, 2020 and other outstanding debts (the “Existing Debt”) have been tendered into the Financing and will be exchanged for Notes and Warrants, to the extent permitted in accordance with the policies of the TSX Venture Exchange, in a second and final tranche of the Financing. In accordance with applicable TSV Venture Exchange policies, no Warrants may be issued in respect of any amount of Existing Debt held by Non-Arm’s Length Parties (as defined in the Corporate Finance Manual) that is tendered into the Financing.

The proceeds from the Financing will be used for general corporate purposes, the resumption of operations, and the continued advancement of the work programmes previously underway prior to the COVID-19 related shut down at the Company’s Krone-Endora at Venetia Project.

The Financing transaction is subject to regulatory approval of the TSX Venture Exchange along with completion of all definitive documentation and filings as required. All securities issued pursuant to the above will be subject to a hold period of four months plus one day expiring on February 20, 2021.

### **ALROSA to combine its cutting and polishing facilities into single production framework**

ALROSA has begun delivering on its plan to create a single production framework encompassing all of its cutting and polishing facilities. Dmitry Amelkin, who was appointed Transformation Director of the Polishing Division this spring, will be in charge of this major project. In Smolensk, he will also take the helm at the Company’s largest diamond polishing factory, Kristall, to ensure the smooth transition.

ALROSA has a number of cutting and polishing assets in Moscow’s DIAMONDS ALROSA, Barnaul’s Diamonds ALROSA LLC, and Smolensk’s Kristall Production Corporation. Together, they account for more than a half of all diamond cutting and polishing in Russia.

The integration plan is based on the strategy for the development of ALROSA's cutting and polishing complex, which was approved by the Company's Supervisory Board in late 2019 and seeks better rough diamonds allocation along with streamlined production processes. In 2021, the three facilities are expected to form a single organisational and legal structure. The goals are twofold: first, to make sure that diamond output is allocated more efficiently among the sites, and second, to facilitate the sharing of practices. In addition, the facilities are going to provide backup to each other in case the epidemiological situation in one of the regions gets worse.

Meanwhile to support its clients amid the persisting market uncertainty, ALROSA has decided to extend existing long-term rough diamond supply contracts through the end of Q1 2021. The list of long-term clients for the next contract period of 2021–2023 and the product mix to be offered to them will be determined in Q1 2021. This will enable the Company to factor in market developments in Q4 2020 in supply schedules.

### **RJK Explorations Ltd intersects kimberlite in six additional holes.**

RJK Explorations Ltd has intersected kimberlite in six additional drill holes in the Paradis Pond/Goodwin Lake area of the Bishop Property, Canada, extending the NW to SE trend to over 985 m, establishing a new E-W drill fence over 380m. The uniform kimberlite along the NW to SE drill fence from holes PP-20-09 to PP-20-16 visually corresponds to RJK's reported kimberlite from Paradis Pond in 2019 that returned 18 microdiamonds, varying in colour, from a 22.4 kg sample and kimberlite intersects from PP-20-01 to PP-20-10 (news releases April 1, 2020, August 31, 2020, and September 29, respectively). An E-W fence, represented by holes 9, 10, 11 and 12, covers a distance of 380m. The kimberlite varies between 1.1 m to 23.5 m in true thickness, beginning as shallow as 2.5m from surface, and appears to thicken to the southwest towards the Goodwin Lake Basin. 16 holes from 2020 in the Paradis kimberlite are unconformably draped on top of granite/diabase bedrock surfaces.

PARADIS POND DRILLING SUMMARY: OCTOBER 2020									
HOLE ID	EASTING	NORTHING	ELEVATION	LENGTH	AZIMUTH	DIP	KIMBERLITE		
							From(m)	To (m)	True Thickness(m)
PP-20-11	606944	5241900	350	11.15	360/180	-90	5	8.3	3.3
PP-20-12	607069	5241950	350	5.1	360/180	-90	3	4.1	1.1
PP-20-13	606800	5242134	346	18.75	360/180	-90	2.5	16.25	13.8
PP-20-14	606587	5241900	309	121	255	-50	7.1	20.95	9.7
PP-20-15	606741	5241515	309	100	255	-50	13.2	19.3	4.3
PP-20-16	606859	5241515	318	71	255	-50	7.1	40.65	23.5

The EM conductance map has been updated to include RJK's next drill target which the company named "Gleeson." 15 of the 16 kimberlite intersections from 2020 fall within the footprint of the regional airborne conductance anomaly measuring approximately 87 hectares. Hole PP-20-12 was drilled outside the anomaly to test the east boundary of the kimberlite horizon, and intersected 1.1 m of kimberlite, suggesting the 87 hectare boundary of the EM conductance map likely expands further.

Drilling will continue with hole PP-20-17 with a 400 m step out from hole PP-20-16. The 160kg sample (news release September 29,2020) has been received in Charles E Fipke's CFM Lab in Kelowna BC and the processing of the kimberlite has begun.

Peter Hubacheck, RJK Explorations' Project Manager commented, "After drilling a remarkable 16 drill holes we are beginning to see that we have something truly unique and a semblance of a deposit is being revealed to us."

RJK has also published new historical information possibly relating to the Nipissing Diamond. A group of New Yorkers staked land claims within 600m of the Paradis conductance anomaly in February of 1907, three months after the Montreal Herald reported that Tiffany Expedition geological team was sent west of Lake Temiskaming to search for diamonds. Among them were brothers of the world-famous financier, Bernard Baruch. The Company has posted a new video and an investor presentation to the website.

### **DIAMONDS in Australia - The Mines, the Fields and the Prospectors – Ongoing Series**

*Over the coming weeks a series of articles will be published in the **Australian Diamond Report** that will tell the story of **Diamonds in Australia**. It will provide details on the mines, the diamond fields and the explorers and prospectors and include: The Australian diamond scene; Marketing of Australian diamonds; The history of diamonds in Australia; The diamond fields; The Mines; Current Exploration Areas; Potential Exploration Areas; Exploration Companies.*

*The articles will be prepared by Colin Randall, Managing Editor of the Australian Diamond Report.*

## ***Diamonds in Tasmania – the remotest chance?***

Diamonds occur in the Savage River–Donaldson River area of northwest Tasmania, in placer deposits probably derived by reworking of Tertiary alluvial sediments.

The ultimate source of the diamonds in the southern island State of Tasmania remains enigmatic, but by reference to similar occurrences in eastern Australia, it seems most probable that they are subduction-related and were probably carried to the surface in alkaline basaltic or lamprophyric dykes.

Diamonds have been known from Tasmania since 1894, when they were first found by L. Harvey, a prospector sluicing for gold, reportedly in Sunday Creek and Harveys Creek, tributaries of the Savage River. More were subsequently found in the Donaldson River–Savage River area, including in Middletons Creek and possibly in Badger Creek (now Savage Creek). The exact locations are uncertain.

The diamonds found in the Donaldson River–Savage River area were relatively small (up to 1/3 carat), slightly rounded octahedra, of near gem quality and with distinctive yellow apices. Only one is now known to exist and is lodged in the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery. The diamonds were found in alluvial deposits with gold, chromite, ilmenite, spinel, osmiridium, cassiterite and topaz; most of these minerals are granite or ultrabasic-derived, and the source of diamonds is not known. No kimberlites, lamproites or other typical diamond source rocks are known in the area. The diamonds may have been reworked from high-level Tertiary alluvial deposits, which are common in the area, that were derived from the granite and ultrabasic areas further east.

There has been little systematic exploration for diamonds in Tasmania and exploration over the last 40 years has been sparse. However a number of companies have undertaken diamond exploration in Tasmania including:-

**The Mt Lyell Mining & Railway Company Ltd** - Luina–Pieman area - 1980/81, - collected stream-sediment samples in many catchments, including Middleton Creek, Sabbath Creek, Longback Creek, Nineteen Mile Creek, Harveys Creek and in the Browns Plains area. Chromite of possible kimberlitic affinity and garnets (possibly pyropes?), possible micro-ilmenites, and Cr-diopsides were reported. These were not followed up.

**The Shell Company of Australasia Ltd** - area near Adamsfield in southern Tasmania - 1981/82 - pan concentrates showed garnets, pyroxenes, ilmenites, and zircons, potential diamond indicators, but the area was not tested further.

**Industrial & Mining Investigations Pty Ltd** - Savage River area - 1978 and 1985 - Stream-sediment samples were collected from the Little Savage River and Savage Creek - potential diamond indicator minerals found, including Cr-spinel potentially derived from the ultrabasic rocks.

**Petrecon Australia Pty Ltd** - Arthur River area in northwest Tasmania - 1987/88. – considered Tertiary alluvial deposits prospective for diamonds – no exploration and went untested.

**Base Resources Ltd** - Tyennan Element- Forth and Mersey River areas near Cradle Mountain - from 1984 - 1988 - diamonds reported from the Corinna area and postulated that the lower parts of kimberlitic pipes may be present in this basement. Stream sediment sampling for heavy minerals. Most of the minerals were considered non-kimberlitic sources as basalt, Cambrian ultrabasic rocks, Precambrian metamorphic basalt. No further work was done.

**Rio Tinto Exploration Pty Ltd** - Donaldson River area- 1997/98 - bulls-eye magnetic anomaly - little work was done. The anomaly was previously inconclusively ascribed by Geopeko Limited, had previously drilled the anomaly - inconclusively ascribed to be due to pyrrhotite-alteration of sediments.

### **Genetic Model for Tasmanian diamonds**

The model involves subduction of slabs of carbonaceous sediments down to the diamond-eclogite facies zone of the lithosphere, with temperature gradients lower than the surrounding lithosphere and arresting of the slabs within the diamond stability field. Subsequently diamonds formed from carbon therein, at depths as low as 75 km, rather than the normal 100–300 km for eclogitic or kimberlitic diamond (Sutherland, 1996). The diamonds may be captured and transported from the static slab as xenoliths or xenocrysts in various deep-sourced, rapidly emplaced magmas (alkaline basalt and lamprophyre). There is then a broad similarity between western Tasmania and the diamondiferous mobile zones surrounding the Kimberley Block in Western Australia, and in western NSW (Barron et al., 1994). The diamond potential of ultrabasic lamprophyres is not well evaluated (e.g. Rock et al., 1992), but Helmstaedt (1993) noted that they are genetically related to kimberlites and some are diamondiferous, so they are worthy of further investigation.

### **Diamond potential**

Lamprophyres in Tasmania are mostly calc-alkaline, but there may be potential for ultrabasic lamprophyres, which occur elsewhere in Australia and may contain some diamonds (Sutherland, 1996; Bottrill and Neef, 1998).

## **Company News**

**Jindalee Resources Limited** – The Company has successfully completed its 1 for 20 non-renounceable pro rata entitlement offer of new fully paid ordinary shares in the Company (New Shares) to raise approximately \$0.62 million (Entitlement Offer) as announced to the market on 14 September 2020. The Entitlement Offer closed on 16 October 2020 (Closing Date). The Company received entitlement acceptances in respect of 1,543,313 New Shares, leaving a shortfall of 399,733 New Shares (Shortfall). Eligible Shareholders were provided an opportunity to subscribe for the Shortfall (Shortfall Offer). The Shortfall Offer closed heavily oversubscribed, with all of the 399,733 Shortfall Shares being subscribed for by Eligible Shareholders. The Company confirms that the number of Shortfall Shares to be issued to Eligible Shareholders who have subscribed for the Shortfall will be scaled back pro-rata to their existing shareholding in accordance with the process detailed in the Offer Booklet, released to ASX on 22 September 2020. Allotment of the New Shares is expected to occur on 23 October 2020 in accordance with the timetable. Jindalee’s Chairman Mr Justin Mannolini commented: “The Board is grateful for the ongoing support of Jindalee’s loyal shareholders. The completion of this capital raising places the Company in a strong position to pursue the next round of resource definition drilling at the McDermitt Lithium Project in the United States and to advance our Australian projects in a prudent and systematic manner.” [ Holds Aries diamond project]

**Great Northern Mining Pty Ltd** –Fura Gems Inc ( Dubai- based and TSX listed ) has concluded a share sale agreement through its wholly-owned Australian subsidiary, Capricorn Sapphire Pty Ltd,with Mosley Mining Pty Ltd, pursuant to which the company acquired all of the issued and outstanding shares of Great Northern Mining Pty Ltd. The assets of the company consist of 73 mining leases as well as plant and equipment related to the tenements. The 73 sapphire mining leases are in Central Queensland, near Anakie – Rubyvale, approximately 850 kms northwest of Brisbane. They comprise a block of contiguous licenses measuring 15.2 sq.km and share a common boundary at the east side with Fura’s existing three Capricorn sapphire mining license. It is reported that Fura paid A\$2,987,933 to the vendor, subject to certain adjustments. Fura said it has paid around A\$2.46mln to the vendor, Mosley Mining, as well as A\$239,060 to an Australian bank to release a security interest on certain assets included in the acquisition and A\$262,067 to the Queensland Treasury as a cash surety in connection with rehabilitation obligations related to the tenements. A further A\$293,093 previously paid to the vendor as a deposit has also been released. FIRB approval was obtained and the deal concluded in August 2020. Great Northern Mining produces a variety of sapphires—blue, blue-green, yellow and “parti” sapphires, or consisting of multiple colours.

Fura is working on a detailed geological evaluation to assess the scale-up of production at the site. Additionally, it will work on a marketing strategy for Australian sapphires and aim to launch the product early 2021.Great Northern and Capricorn Sapphire together make the largest Australian sapphire supplier.

## **Personnel News**

**Dominion Diamond Mines** – Interim CEO **Patrick Merrin** has returned to the parent company Washington Companies and his previous position as Chief Operating Officer. DDM executives CFO Kristal Kaye and COO Mike Welch along with Chairman Brendon Bell are now working on the way forward for the idled Ekati mine.

**Diary Dates**

**Gem Diamonds Limited** - Release of Trading Update for the period 1 July 2020 to 30 September 2020 on Wednesday, 28 October 2020.

**Lucapa Diamond Company** - General Meeting of commence at 11.00am (WST), 12 November 2020 at the Celtic Club, 48 Ord Street, West Perth WA 6005.

**Jindalee Resources Limited** - AGM Date of Meeting Friday 27 November 2020 Time of Meeting 11.00am (WST)

**DevEx Resources Limited** - Annual General Meeting will be held on 25 November 2020.

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