

# Q1 2021 Results Conference Call

**MAY 7, 2021** 



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# Q1 2021 Highlights

(All currency figures in U.S. Dollars, unless otherwise stated)

#### **Karowe Diamond Mine**

56% growth in revenue year on year; average price per carat of \$579

Exceptional recoveries to start the year – two top white gem stones each >300 carats (341 & 378 carats)

Strong, safe, reliable production results; All physicals achieved to plan.

Mandated lead arrangers of senior secured project financing package of up to US\$220 million. Credit approvals of all lenders received early May 2021.

Karowe underground expansion progressed; Granted 25-year extension to Karowe mining license (to 2046)

Two year extension of the novel supply agreement with HB Antwerp for +10.8 carat "specials"; provides upside through polished sales

### **Clara Diamond Solutions**

6 sales in Q1 2021; doubled volume transacted year on year

Growth in customers from 75 to 80 participants (+7%); new participants are being wait-listed



## **Balance Sheet & Liquidity**

Strong cash position and available liquidity as COVID-19 pandemic continues

Cash and cash equivalents of \$27.9 million; Net debt of \$22.1 million (March 2021)

Extended credit facility following quarter-end to the earlier of project financing completion or November 5, 2021

Sethunya, 549 carats

# **COVID-19 Response**

## **Operations & Diamond sales continue, Underground ramp-up**

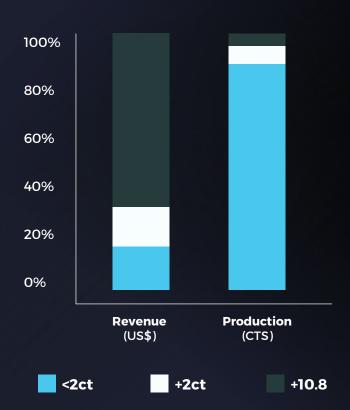
- As mining has been designated an essential service in Botswana, the Karowe mine has remained fully operational throughout the pandemic. COVID-19 measures and guidelines, which were implemented by the GRB in late March 2020, remain in place and the current state of emergency in Botswana has been extended to September 30, 2021.
- We continue to focus on protecting the health and well-being of our employees, contractors and host communities and the financial well being of the Company. We've also contributed to the Botswana Government's COVID-19 Relief Fund and local initiatives.
- The Company has permission to conduct COVID-19 testing at our operations and active testing of the workforce began in January 2021. Testing programs are in place on site for all employees and contractors.
- Access to travel to Botswana has improved over the past quarter as contractors mobilized to site in April 2021 in preparation for shaft-sinking activities expected in H2 2021.
- Diamond sales through HB Antwerp, Clara and quarterly tenders in Antwerp have continued.

# Consistent Recovery of Large Diamonds

## Specials contribute ~70% by revenue and ~5% by volume

# Revenue and production

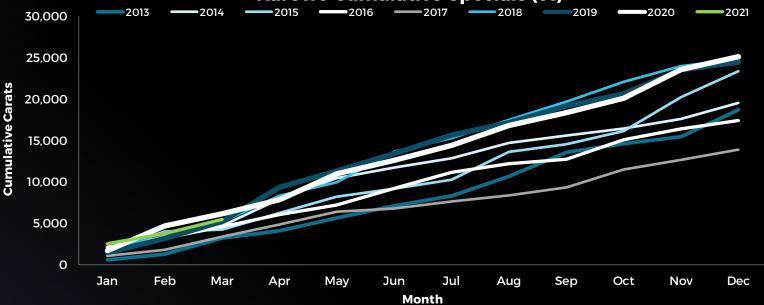
includes 2015 to 2020



Life of mine recovery of +188,000 carats of individual stones > 10.8ct (over 6,400 diamonds; all sources) Since 2012: 21 diamonds in excess of 300 carats have been recovered, including 2 diamonds > 1,000ct

11 diamonds sold for > US\$ 10 million each (not included in resource value models)





# Supply Agreement with HB Antwerp Extended

+10.8 Carat "Specials"

Includes all +10.8 carat "specials" produced from the Karowe Mine

24-month extension to December 2022

Initial price is based on an **estimated polished outcome**, determined through state of the art scanning and planning technology, with a **true-up paid** on actual achieved polished sales, less a fee and cost of manufacturing

**Regular cash flow** from the large, high value segment of production

**Q1 revenue** of **\$38.0 million** from the HB supply agreement

**Revenue** from shipments in 2020 and 2021, **continue to be recognized** 



# Collaboration Agreement on "Sethunya" with Louis Vuitton and HB Antwerp

#### **Revenue in 2021**

**549 carat** white gem diamond "**Sethunya**", meaning flower in Setswana, recovered from the Karowe Mine in February 2020

Lucara, Louis Vuitton and HB will collaborate and plan the creation of the highest value polished diamonds from the Sethunya rough, which will be made available exclusively to Louis Vuitton

In line with its long tradition of personalisation, **Louis Vuitton** envisages crafting beautiful, bespoke and made-to-order, high value polished stones of variable size and shape; The opportunity to create a **storied family heirloom** 

Lucara will receive payment based on the polished outcome **no later than Q4 2021** 



Karowe Underground Expansion

# **Update**

## **Financing**

Mandated lenders for up to \$220M debt financing; credit approvals received; due diligence complete; targeting close in H2 2021

#### **2021 Plan**

Investment of \$105 million; H1 2021 funded from operating cash flow Focus on detailed engineering and early site works using local contractors; preparation for shaft-sink in H2 2021

## **Mining License Extended to 2046**

Granted 25-year extension to Karowe mining license covering the open pit and underground expansion

### **COVID-19 Response**

Pushed out early surface civil works due to travel restrictions; activities completed in H1 2021

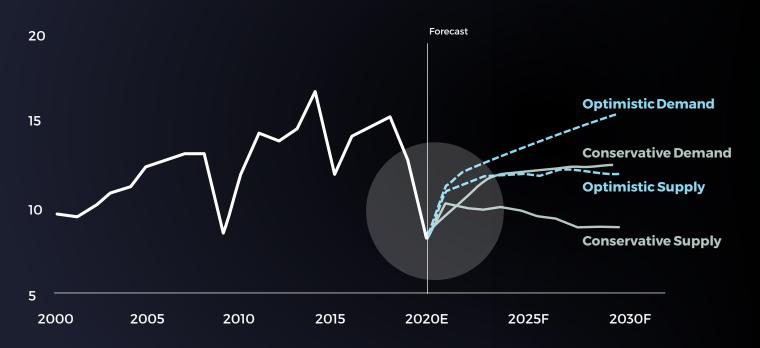


## **Diamond Market**

Stable market due to healthy supply & demand balance in the midstream; Q1 2021 strengthening price performance in all sizes and qualities

Longer term outlook remains strong supported by supply constraints

Rough natural diamond supply and demand (\$ billions)





Demand pick up in the US & China; Strong Retail Holiday Season

Note: Long-term growth trend (1-2% p.a.). The white line represents rough diamond sales dynamics for 2000-20E; forecast of supply and demand is performed in real terms, 2020 prices and constant exchange rates; rough diamond demand has been converted from polished diamond demand using a historical ratio of rough diamond and polished diamond values Source: Bain & Company - The Global Diamond Industry Report 2020-21

## Clara

## **Digital sales platform (1 to 10 carat)**

47 sales completed since inception ~US\$29.4 million of diamonds sold by value through the platform

Regular Sales ongoing

>18,500 carats sold through the platform

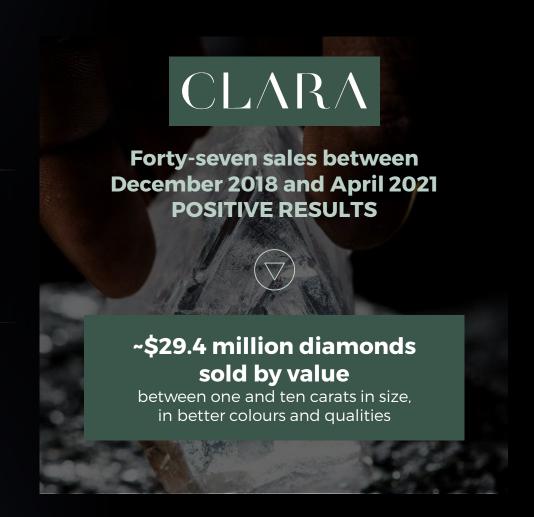
Buyers on the platform increased from 75 to 80 in 2021: **Wait-list** being maintained

Trials of **third party** supply **began in 2020**;

Negotiations with several third parties resumed in Q1 2021

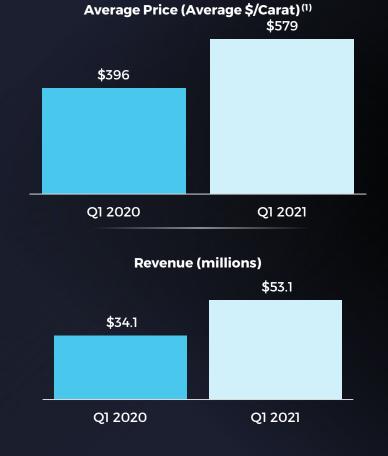
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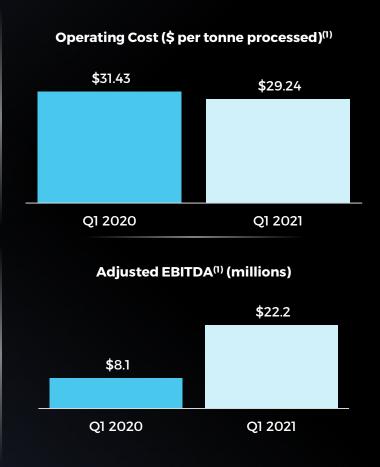
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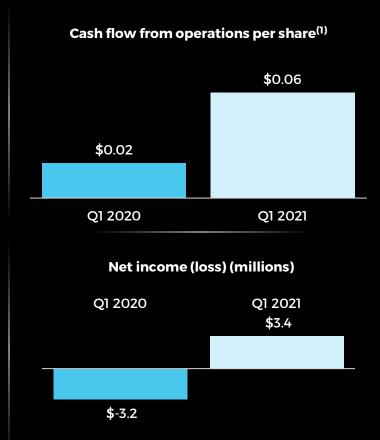


# Q1 2021 Financial Highlights

# Three months ending March 31, 2021 (All currency figures in U.S. Dollars)

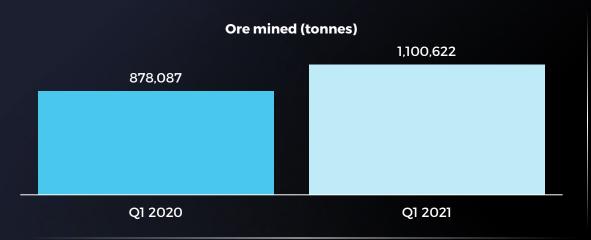


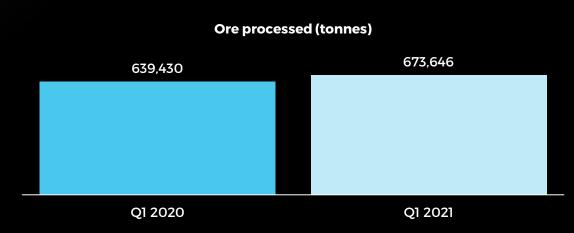




# Q1 2021 Operational Highlights - Karowe Mine

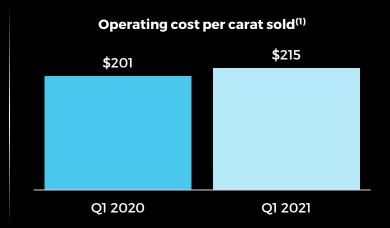
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# Sales Channels Q1 2021

## Sales through Clara, HB Antwerp and Quarterly Tender

- All +10.8 carat stones are sold through HB Antwerp; only high value Specials (+10.8 carats) are manufactured and sold as polished
- Higher quality diamonds between 1 and 10 carats are sold through Clara; all other diamonds less than 10.8 carats which are not extracted for sale on Clara are sold through a quarterly tender

Sales Channel	Q1 2021 Rough Carats Sold	Q1 2021 Revenue Recognized (millions)	Q1 2021 Average Price per Carat
CLARA	4,302 cts	\$ 6.0	\$ 1,406
ANTWERF	10,687 cts	\$ 38.0	<b>\$</b> 3,554
LUCARA	76,771 cts	\$ 9.1	\$ 118
Total Sales	91,760 cts	\$ 53.1	\$ 579

<sup>\*</sup> The Q1 2021 average price per carat sold through HB <u>does not include</u> several large, high value polished stones due to the timing of sales.

# 2021 Annual Guidance

(All currency figures in U.S. Dollars)

Karowe Diamond Mine	Full Year - 2021	
Diamond revenue	\$180 million to \$210 million	
Diamond sales	350,000 to 390,000 carats	
Diamonds recovered	340,000 to 370,000 carats	
Ore tonnes mined	2.8 million to 3.2 million	
Waste tonnes mined	2.8 million to 3.4 million	
Ore tonnes processed	2.6 million to 2.9 million	
Total operating cash costs <sup>(1)</sup>	\$28 to \$32 per tonne processed	
Botswana G&A (including sales & marketing)	\$3 to \$4 per tonne processed	
Tax rate	0% to 25%	
Average exchange rate - USD/Pula	11.0	



# Conclusion

Lucara is a premier, mid-tier, investible diamond company, positioned for long term, sustainable growth



High margin diamond producer



Botswana - a low risk jurisdiction



Strong balance sheet and available liquidity



Consistent recovery of high value Specials (+10.8 carats); Open pit mineable reserves to 2026 with underground expansion extending the mine life to at least 2040



Asset diversification and additional revenue stream opportunity through Clara





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