

Kennedy Diamonds Inc.: Advances Kennedy North Project

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- Kelvin North Lobe Bulk Sampling at 540 tonnes
- Faraday 3 kimberlite defined over 150 meter strike
- Preliminary economic assessment commences

TORONTO, April 11, 2016 - [Kennedy Diamonds Inc.](#) ("Kennedy Diamonds", the "Company") (TSX-V: KDI) is pleased to announce that the Kelvin North Lobe bulk sampling program is progressing well with 26 of 28 planned large-diameter holes completed and 540 tonnes of kimberlite recovered to date, surpassing the Company's target of 500 tonnes.

Following completion of the Kelvin North bulk sample, Kennedy Diamonds plans to drill three infill reverse-circulation holes at the Kelvin Southeast Lobe to support improved geological modeling. The total Kelvin 2016 bulk sample is expected to be approximately 600 tonnes. In addition, an ice pad has been built at the Faraday 2 kimberlite to allow the possibility of bulk sampling of that kimberlite if conditions permit.

Based on the success of the 2016 Kelvin bulk sampling program, it is expected that diamonds weighing approximately 1,200 carats will be recovered. Processing of the bulk sample will take place at the Geoanalytical Laboratories Diamond Services of the Saskatchewan Research Council ("SRC") commencing in mid-May 2016. The valuation of the diamond parcel, which will be used for revenue modeling of the Kelvin North Lobe, is expected to be completed during Q3 2016.

Kennedy Diamonds is also pleased to announce that delineation drilling at the newly discovered Faraday 3 kimberlite pipe is progressing well with the strike of Faraday 3 having so far been defined over approximately 150 meters and an apparent dip to the northwest. Maps illustrating the latest drill results from Faraday 3 will be posted under "Media Links" on the homepage of the Company's website at www.kennedydiamonds.com.

Table 1 below summarizes the latest Faraday 3 drill results.

Table 1
Faraday 3 2016 Winter Drill Program

Drill Hole	Target	Azimuth	Inclination	Kimberlite Intercepts (m)			End of Hole (m)
				From	To	Intercept*	
KDI-16-007a	Faraday 3	230	-48	79.11	163.98**	60.67	199
KDI-16-007b	Faraday 3	230	-55	75.90	139.40**	58.40	172
KDI-16-008a	Faraday 3	52	-45	78.60	139.80**	48.65	172
KDI-16-008b	Faraday 3	52	-60	92.03	124.76**	25.62	155
KDI-16-008c	Faraday 3	50	-75	97.31	125.97**	13.50	154
KDI-16-012a	Faraday 3	316	-75	86.42	136.00**	39.76	170
KDI-16-012b	Faraday 3	320	-62	141.60	191.50**	47.70	223

*Intercepts not true widths

** Includes minor country rock intercepts

Kennedy Diamonds President and CEO, Patrick Evans, commented: "Faraday 3 is the fourth kimberlite pipe that we have discovered at Kennedy North over the past three years. Methodical exploration over the Kelvin – Faraday corridor has increased our confidence in the potential for the discovery of further kimberlite bodies within the corridor."

Kennedy Diamonds also announced that exploration drilling has commenced at the Hobbes anomaly, which is located approximately 150 meters south of the Kelvin kimberlite. Hobbes was initially thought to be part of the hypabyssal Kelvin Sheet that extends to the southwest of the Kelvin pipe. However, the presence of volcaniclastic kimberlite was discovered at Hobbes during the winter of 2015, warranting further exploration. Table 2 below summarized the latest Hobbes drill results.

Table 2
Hobbes 2016 Winter Drill Results

Drill Hole	Target	Azimuth	Inclination	Kimberlite Intercepts (m)			End of Hole (m)
				From	To	Intercept*	
KDI-16-009	Hobbes	220	074	26.13	37.63	11.50	50
KDI-16-010	Hobbes	222	-55	27.96	46.03**	13.99	76
KDI-16-011a	Hobbes	40	-55	28.00	45.37	17.37	76
KDI-16-011b	Hobbes	44	-75	29.91	38.48**	4.07	70

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** Includes minor country rock intercepts

Mr. Evans commented: "The relatively wide kimberlite intercepts close to surface at Hobbes are encouraging. Our focus is to find the source of the volcaniclastic kimberlite, which appears to be to the northwest."

Finally, Kennedy Diamonds announced that the Company has commissioned a preliminary economic assessment ("PEA") for the Kelvin kimberlite. The PEA is being led by JDS Energy and Mining and is expected to be completed by the fourth quarter of 2016.

About Kennedy Diamonds

[Kennedy Diamonds Inc.](#) controls 100 percent of the Kennedy North diamond project located in Canada's Northwest Territories immediately adjacent to the Gahcho Kué diamond mine currently under development by De Beers and Mountain Province Diamonds (T:MPV, NASDAQ:MDM).

Kennedy Diamonds aims to identify a resource along the Kelvin – Faraday kimberlite corridor of between 13 million and 16 million tonnes at a grade of between 2 and 2.5 carats per tonne and also to identify new kimberlites outside of the corridor. The Kelvin – Faraday corridor is a target for further exploration. The tonnage estimate is based on the drilling completed to date. The potential quantity is conceptual in nature as there has been insufficient drilling to define a mineral resource and it is uncertain if further exploration will result in the target being delineated as a mineral resource.

Qualified Persons

This news release has been prepared under the supervision of Dr. Tom McCandless, P. Geo., an

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