

# Accomplished Corporate Development Executive Joins Luca Team To Propel Future Growth

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VANCOUVER, March 3, 2025 - [Luca Mining Corp.](#) ("Luca" or the "Company") (TSXV: LUCA) (OTCQX: LUCMF) (Frankfurt: Z68) is pleased to announce that Mr. Adam Melnyk, P.Eng. CFA, has joined Luca as VP Corporate Development to oversee, manage and execute the Company's business development and business growth initiatives. Adam Melnyk is an experienced mining executive with demonstrated management, leadership, analytical and execution capabilities.

Dan Barnholden, CEO, commented, "Adam brings over 20 years of mining sector experience to the Company with particular expertise in strategic business development planning and asset evaluation. I have had the privilege of working with Adam in his prior roles as a research analyst and hold him in the highest esteem. Luca is rapidly achieving each of its corporate and operational objectives and we are now setting our sights on opportunities in the Mexican mining sector where we can apply our business strategy of Optimize, Explore and Expand. We believe that now is an excellent time to be considering growth opportunities and Adam's unique perspectives and skills will be instrumental to the success of this initiative."

Adam Melnyk, P.Eng., CFA

Before joining Luca, Mr. Melnyk was employed as Executive Vice President of Business Development at [Victoria Gold Corp.](#) Previously, he was the Head of Mining Research at Sun Valley Gold LLC, an SEC-registered Investment Advisor and Hedge Fund. In addition, he has worked in Equity Research with both bank-owned and independent investment dealers, where he developed a reputation for thoughtful independent analysis and maintained a strong client base. Prior to the financial industry, Adam was employed as a Mining Engineer with Golder Associates and worked in the Exploration Division of Goldcorp's Red Lake mine.

Adam holds a B.Sc. in Geological Engineering (Hons) from Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario and is registered as a Professional Engineer (P.Eng.) with the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of British Columbia (APEGBC). He is also a CFA Charterholder.

Mr. Melnyk commented, "I am very pleased to join the Luca team as VP Corporate Development. Luca is on the cusp of transformative growth, and I look forward to contributing to this. Luca's operating platform in Mexico provides significant opportunities for both organic and non-organic growth. It is an exciting time at Luca and I am looking forward to playing a role in the creation of further per-share value for stakeholders."

Stock Option Grant

The Company announces that it has granted 600,000 incentive stock options ("Options") to Mr. Melnyk in accordance with Luca's omnibus equity incentive plan. The grant of the Options is subject to approval by the TSX Venture Exchange.

About Luca Mining Corp.

Luca Mining (TSX-V: LUCA, OTCQX: LUCMF, Frankfurt: Z68) is a diversified Canadian mining company with two 100%-owned producing mines within the prolific Sierra Madre mineralized belt in Mexico which hosts numerous producing and historic mines along its trend. The Company produces gold, copper, zinc, silver and lead from these mines that each have considerable development and resource upside.

The Campo Morado mine, is an underground operation located in Guerrero State. It produces copper-zinc-lead concentrates with precious metals credits. It is currently undergoing an optimization program which is already generating significant improvements in recoveries and grades, efficiencies, and cashflows.

The Tahuehueto Gold, Silver Mine is a new underground operation in Durango State, which hosts numerous producing and historic mines along its trend. The Company is commissioning its mill and is expected to achieve commercial production by the end of the year.

On Behalf of the Board of Directors  
(signed) "Dan Barnholden"  
Dan Barnholden, Chief Executive Officer

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