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IGE: Angolan diamond mine inaugurated

IGE Resouces AB (OSE: IGE) today announced the inauguration of its Luxinge diamond mine, Angola. The production at the mine is currently being optimized and the sale of diamonds recovered during exploration is expected within the next month.

Angola's Minister of Mines Geology and Industry, Mr Joaquim David, the Governor of the Lunda Norte province and the Chairman of Angola's state owned diamond company Endiama were all present at the inauguration, underpinning the importance of the Luxinge project to the Angolan diamond industry.

IGE is the largest shareholder of the Luxinge diamond company with a 42 per cent interest. IGE also has operational responsibilities. The company is currently optimizing operations and processing at the mine. The Luxinge resource base is estimated at 1.1 million carats of rough diamonds.

"The Luxinge inauguration is the official milestone marking that the mine is in commercial operation. This also means that we two of our diamond projects in Angola have reached this stage. The Cassanguidi mine has been producing diamonds for some months already," said IGE CEO Tomas Fellbom.

IGE is now preparing the sale of 8,000 carats of diamonds recovered during exploration at Luxinge. The sale is expected to be completed during August.

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