Botswana Diamonds (“BOD”) the AIM and BSE listed explorer is pleased to announce that the first phase of the intensification drilling programme on Thorny River has been concluded with drilling complete on the farm Hartbeesfontein. Eighteen holes have been drilled with twelve intersecting kimberlite. A bulk sampling target of 1.5 km of kimberlite fissure intersection has been identified.

The second phase of the drilling programme taking place on the farm Frischgewaagt has commenced with three holes drilled so far, all of which intersected kimberlite. The third hole intersected 4.5m of kimberlite fissure down the hole, which is the thickest section intersected to date on the project. This hole also produced a mantle xenolith (eclogite) composed of clinopyroxene and garnet which is indicative of high diamond content.

The third and final phase of the drilling programme will commence once a detailed gravity survey has been concluded over two potential kimberlite blows on the same property.

The purpose of this drilling programme is to enable detailed planning for a bulk sampling programme, which will commence on completion of drilling activities and after the necessary regulatory approvals have been received (which are expected within the next two months). Refurbishment is currently underway of a nearby diamond processing plant to process the bulk sample kimberlite.

Work has commenced on potential secondary (alluvial) diamond deposits in the project area. The nearby and worked-out Marsfontein diamond mine was host to eluvial diamond deposits running at grades of 1,433 cpht.
This release has been approved by James Campbell, Managing Director of Botswana Diamonds plc, a qualified geologist (Pr.Sci.Nat), a Fellow of the Southern African Institute of Mining and Metallurgy, a Fellow of the Institute of Materials, Metals and Mining (UK) and with over 33-years’ experience in the diamond sector.

This announcement contains inside information for the purposes of Article 7 of Regulation (EU) 596/2014. The person who arranged for the release of this announcement on behalf of the Company was James Campbell, Director

A copy of this announcement is available on the Company's website, at www.botswanadiamonds.co.uk

ENDS

Enquiries:

Botswana Diamonds PLC
John Teeling, Chairman +353 1 833 2833
James Campbell, Managing Director +27 83 457 3724
Jim Finn, Director +353 1 833 2833

Beaumont Cornish - Nominated Adviser
Michael Cornish +44 (0) 020 7628 3396
Roland Cornish

SVS Securities Plc – Broker +44 (0) 20 3700 0100
Tom Curran
Ben Tadd

Blytheweigh – PR +44 (0) 20 7138 3206
Julia Tilley +44 (0) 207 138 3553
Fergus Cowan +44 (0) 207 138 3208

Teneo +353 (0) 1 661 4055
Luke Hogg +353 (0) 1 661 4055
Alan Tyrrell

www.botswanadiamonds.co.uk