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**FORT A LA CORNE JOINT VENTURE: ORION NORTH K120 KIMBERLITE
LARGE DIAMETER DRILLING DIAMOND GRADE RESULTS**

George H. Read, P. Geo., Senior Vice President Exploration and Development, is pleased to announce the diamond grade results for the large diameter drilling (“LDD”) mini-bulk sampling of the K120 portion of the Orion North Kimberlite (“ON-K120”) within the Fort a la Corne Joint Venture (“FALC-JV”: 60 percent Shore Gold Inc. (“Shore”) and 40 percent Newmont Mining Corporation of Canada Limited (“Newmont”). ON-K120 is the northwest portion of the cluster of kimberlites that make up Orion North. The results for each principal kimberlite unit sampled by the LDD mini-bulk sampling are shown in Table 1.

Table 1. Diamond Results from LDD Mini-bulk Samples

| Kimberlite Unit | Number of Holes | Kimberlite Metres | Processed Dry Tonnes | Total Carats | Total Stones | Grade (cpht) | Largest Stone (Carats) |
|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| Cantuar | 1 | 5 | 6 | 0.3 | 3 | 5 | 0.24 |
| EJF Inner | 10 | 1,293 | 1,730 | 255 | 2,632 | 15 | 7.53 |
| EJF Outer | 6 | 619 | 768 | 41 | 746 | 5 | 0.97 |
| LJF | 3 | 108 | 164 | 1 | 29 | 0.04 | 0.08 |
| Total | - | 2,025 | 2,668 | 297 | 3,410 | 11 | |

Table Notes

- Kimberlite Units: EJF: Early Joli Fou and LJF: Late Joli Fou
- EJF Inner and Outer based on geology and discussed below

The ON-K120 Kimberlite is one of the largest diamond bearing kimberlites in the world, with a surface area totaling some 102 hectares situated within claims of the FALC-JV. The largest operating diamond mine is Orapa in Botswana and the mined AK1 kimberlite has an area 103 hectares. A resource estimate has not yet been determined for the ON-K120 Kimberlite but kimberlite tonnage estimates, which are conceptual in nature, were published in the SGF News Release of November 21, 2006. No underground bulk sampling has been undertaken to date in Orion North. It is Shore’s assertion that diamond loss and diamond breakage occur (particularly of the large stones) in the case of the LDD mini-bulk samples. In addition, on-site testing has shown that diamond breakage increases as kimberlite competency (hardness) increases. Therefore, Shore believes both the diamond grade (“cpht”) and average price (\$/carat) are underestimated for the LDD mini-bulk samples.

Shore contends that the simplest method of diamond grade determination for the LDD mini-bulk samples, which accounts for diamond breakage and loss, is the use of the processed tonnes, as opposed to the theoretical tonnes (calculated from callipered hole volumes and density measurements). This has been confirmed to Shore’s satisfaction by the LDD diamond grade reconciliation with UG grade for the Star Kimberlite that was recently presented in SGF News Release of April 21, 2009. A more detailed discussion of these methods is available in the technical presentation “Large Diameter Drilling Grade Adjustment Factors for Resource Estimation in FALC Kimberlites”, which is available on the Company website at: www.shoregold.com.

The EJF Inner and Outer Kimberlite Units have been identified by Shore based on detailed kimberlite geology recorded from core logging of the pattern drill program and diamond size data derived from LDD. Core logging information is combined with whole rock geochemistry data, geophysical and density measurements to identify the constituent kimberlite lithologies within ON-K120 and their volcanological features that form the ON-K120 Kimberlite crater. The EJF Inner Kimberlite Unit represents coarser grained EJF kimberlite and the EJF Outer Kimberlite Unit includes finer grained EJF kimberlite. LDD mini-bulk samples have shown that higher grades and larger diamonds are found within the EJF Inner

Kimberlite Unit. A map is available on the Shore website (www.shoregold.com) that indicates the EJF Inner Kimberlite Unit and the drill hole (core and LDD) positions in ON-K120. The EJF grade in the EJF Inner area in ON-K120 compares favourably with the grade of the EJF Inner areas in the Star Kimberlite and Orion South.

Senior Vice President Exploration and Development, George Read, states: "These results show that the best grade (15 cph) and the four largest diamonds (7.53 carat – white, 3.84 carat – grey, 3.28 carat grey and 2.80 carat – white) have been recovered from the EJF Inner Kimberlite Unit, which is the dominant unit within ON-K120. Early core drilling strongly suggested that the EJF Inner of ON-K120 was prospective for diamonds due to the abundance of eclogite xenoliths and coarse kimberlite texture. The ON-K120 EJF Inner is an extensive, relatively homogenous kimberlite unit that extends from the kimberlite-till interface to depths of more than 350 metres below surface. The extent and vertical continuity of the EJF Inner will facilitate potential future mining."

Newmont did not participate in the preparation, supervision or review of the work associated with this exercise and takes no responsibility for the content or information included in this press release.

Senior Vice President Exploration and Development, George Read, Professional Geoscientist in the Provinces of Saskatchewan and British Columbia, is Shore's Qualified Person responsible for the verification and quality assurance of analytical results. Shore is a Canadian based corporation engaged in the acquisition, exploration and development of mineral properties. Shares of the Company trade on the TSX Exchange under the trading symbol "SGF".

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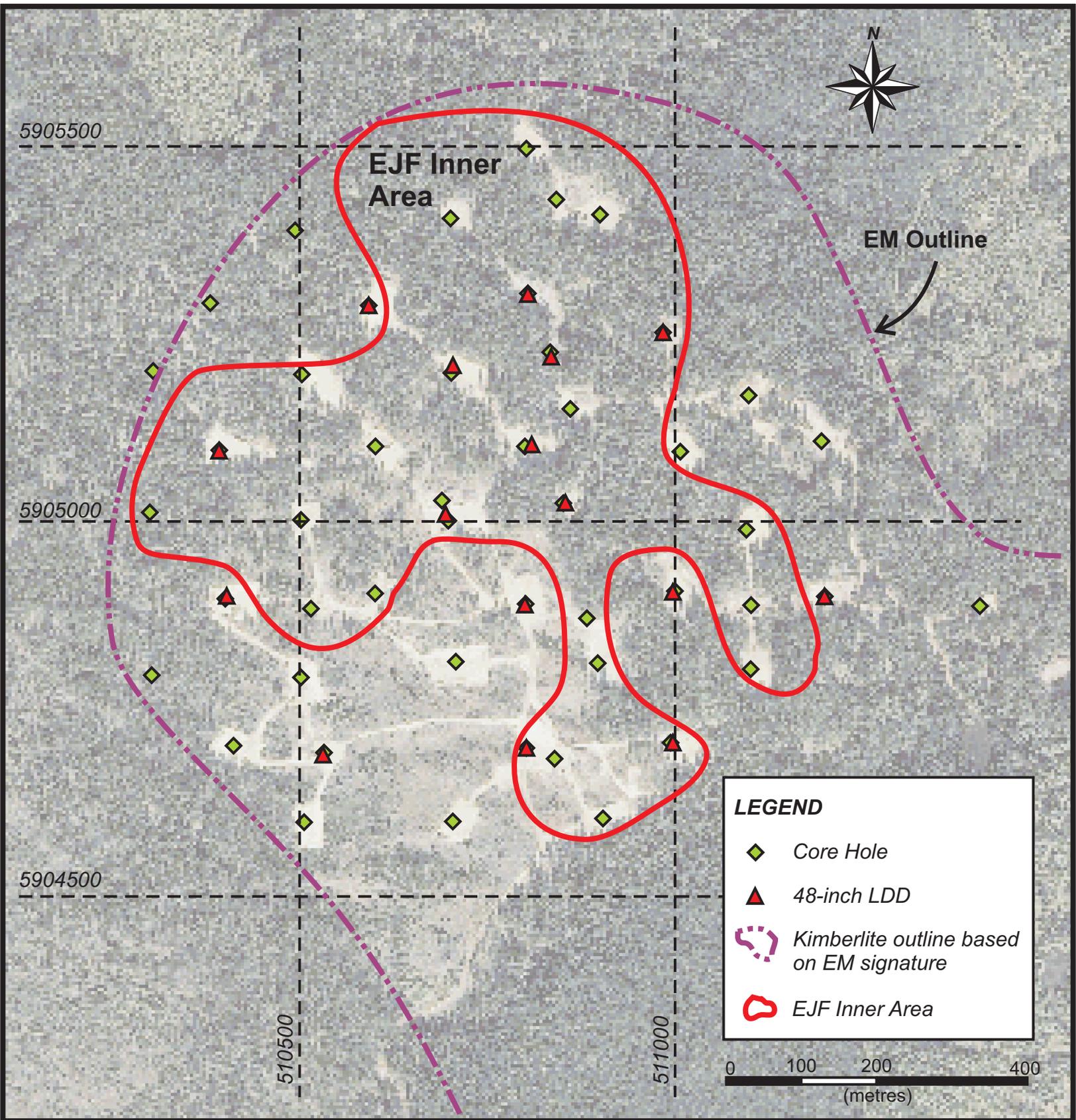
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EJF Inner Area

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- ◆ Core Hole
- ▲ 48-inch LDD
- Kimberlite outline based on EM signature
- EJF Inner Area

