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**STAR – ORION SOUTH DIAMOND PROJECT
SIGNIFICANT PROPORTION OF TYPE IIa DIAMONDS PRESENT AT STAR**

George H. Read, P. Geo., Senior Vice President Exploration & Development, is pleased to announce that 26 percent of all diamonds exceeding 2.7 carats in size from the Star underground bulk sample are Type IIa diamonds.

Type IIa diamonds are rare and account for probably less than 2 percent of all natural rough diamonds in the world. Only a small number of active diamond mines regularly produce Type IIa diamonds and the most important of these mines is Letseng-la-Terae (Letseng Mine) in the Kingdom of Lesotho. While Letseng is a low grade (1.5-3 cpht) kimberlite it is probably the most prolific source of large high-value Type IIa diamonds, which make it a highly economic deposit. A recent study on plus 2.7 carat diamonds from Star shows that Star has a similar proportion of Type IIa diamonds to Letseng.

Type IIa diamonds contain no nitrogen or boron impurities and are frequently either top white colours (D, E, F or G) or any shade of brown. Many pink and brownish-pink diamonds are also Type IIa. Type IIa diamonds usually have anhedral crystal shape and exhibit a range of elongated, distorted or irregular morphologies. Most importantly, many high-value, top colour, large specials (greater than 10.8 carats) are Type IIa diamonds, which include all of the ten largest known rough diamonds recovered worldwide, from the 726 carat Jonker to the 3,106 carat Cullinan.

The coarse diamond size frequency distribution for the Star diamond populations (particularly the Cantuar and Early Joli Fou kimberlite units), combined with this significant proportion of Type IIa diamonds, strongly suggests the potential for the recovery of large (plus 100 carat), high quality diamonds at Star. Based on the coarse diamond size frequency distribution for the Star diamond populations, the processing plant contemplated for the Star - Orion South Diamond Project is being designed to recover diamonds between 1 and 45 millimetres, which enables the recovery of diamonds up to 800 carats, depending on their shape.

The Type Ia and Type IIa diamond counts and the percentage of Type IIa diamonds for each of the Star kimberlite units are documented in the table below.

Kimberlite Unit	Number of Diamonds			Percentage Type IIa
	Type Ia	Type IIa	Total	
Cantuar	42	17	59	28.81
Pense	16	8	24	33.33
EJF	132	43	175	24.57
MJF/LJF	2	0	2	0
TOTALS	192	68	260	26.15

The diamond type is determined using Fourier Transform Infra Red (FTIR) spectroscopy, which is a non-destructive analytical method, that enables the categorization of diamonds by the presence (or absence) of nitrogen in their crystal structure. The FTIR spectra for all 260 diamonds, greater than 2.7 carats from the Star

Kimberlite evaluation parcel, were measured by a Shore personnel using analytical equipment at the University of Saskatchewan at Saskatoon. This work was documented in the in-house report: Fourier Transform Infra Red spectroscopy of the large diamonds recovered from the Star Kimberlite at Fort a la Corne, Saskatchewan. A copy of this report is available on the Shore website: www.shoregold.com.

Statistics on the proportions of Type IIa diamonds produced by diamonds mines are not freely available. However, Bowen et al (2009) published Type IIa FTIR measurements for 484 plus two carat diamonds from the Letseng Diamond Mine. The Letseng Mine has a low grade of some 1 to 3.5 carats per hundred tonnes but is highly economic as a result of its unusually high diamond price (US\$1,753 per carat in Q1 2010). Letseng accounts for some 30 percent of the world market share of diamonds greater than 25 carats and has produced some of the biggest gem quality diamonds recovered in the last five years including the 603 carat Lesotho Promise, the 493 carat Letseng Legacy and the 478 carat Light of Letseng. These are all Type IIa diamonds.

The proportion of Type IIa diamonds for the respective size fractions between 2.7 and greater than 10 carats for both Star and Letseng are listed in the following table.

Diamond Size Carats	Letseng			Star		
	Type IIa	Total	Percentage Type IIa	Type IIa	Total	Percentage Type IIa
>2.7	87	298	29.19	68	260	26.15
>3	74	244	30.33	63	232	27.16
>4	52	153	33.99	43	146	29.45
>5	40	97	41.24	28	84	33.33
>6	29	66	43.94	19	58	32.76
>7	26	52	50.00	17	44	38.64
>8	18	32	56.25	12	35	34.29
>9	15	26	57.69	8	26	30.77
>10	13	19	68.42	8	21	38.10

The table above shows that the proportion of Type IIa diamonds in the Star Kimberlite is similar to the proportion of Type IIa diamonds in Letseng. However, the grade of Star is some seven times greater than Letseng. It has been stated that Type IIa diamonds are usually either top white or brown in colour and it is, therefore, important to confirm that high value, white Type IIa diamonds do occur at Star. The recent diamond valuation exercise has shown that the Star underground bulk sample produced 34 diamonds valued at \$5,000 or more and FTIR spectroscopy has confirmed that the following nine high value diamonds are Type IIa.

Kimberlite Unit	Carats	\$/carat	Dollars	Type IIa
EJF	3.38	5,630	19,000	Yes
Cantuar/EJF	3.49	4,900	17,100	Yes
EJF	6.53	1,860	12,100	Yes
EJF	19.66	590	11,600	Yes
EJF	11.63	880	10,200	Yes
EJF	5.69	1,530	8,700	Yes
EJF	2.96	2,940	8,700	Yes
EJF	14.44	470	6,800	Yes
EJF	4.78	1,313	6,300	Yes

Senior Vice President Exploration & Development, George Read, states: “The presence of a significant proportion of Type IIa diamonds greatly increases the potential for the recovery of large (plus 100 carat), high-value diamonds at Star. Study of the Star diamond evaluation parcel shows that it contains both top white octahedral diamonds (Type Ia) and a significant proportion of Type IIa diamonds, some of which are top white in colour. The presence of these two high-value diamond groups (octahedra and Type IIa) greatly strengthens the future potential production diamond pricing at Star.”

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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