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### **FORT A LA CORNE JOINT VENTURE PARTICIPANTS AGREE ON 2006 EXPLORATION PROGRAM: BUDGET \$43.2 MILLION**

George H. Read, P. Geo., Senior Vice President Exploration and Development, is pleased to announce that the Management Committee meeting for the Fort a la Corne Joint Venture (FALC-JV) has taken place and the Participants have reached unanimous agreement on the 2006 exploration program. The 2006 FALC-JV exploration program will include core (300 holes) and large diameter drilling (LDD) on the Orion Cluster and core drilling of Star West (defined below), continued exploration core drilling of selected other FALC-JV kimberlites and the investigation of a 50 tonne per hour Dense Media Separation (DMS) sample processing plant for the FALC-JV. This 2006 exploration program will commence immediately, is scheduled for completion by 31 December 2006 and has an approved budget of \$43.2 million, which will be funded by the Joint Venture Participants in the following split: Kensington Resources Ltd (a wholly owned subsidiary of Shore Gold Inc.) (46.94%), De Beers Canada Inc. (46.94%) and Cameco Corporation (6.12%).

#### **Orion Cluster**

The Orion Cluster is defined as the group of eight defined kimberlites starting with kimberlites 140/141 and 133 in the southeast to kimberlite 120 in the northwest. For convenience, Orion is assigned three subdivisions: Orion South (Kimberlites 140/141 and 133), Orion Centre (Kimberlites 145 and 219) and Orion North (Kimberlites 120, 147, 148 and 220). Interpretation of airborne geophysics over the Orion Cluster by Shore geologists and consultants suggests that all kimberlites within this cluster coalesce and form a seven kilometre long continuous belt of kimberlite from Orion South to Orion North. The FALC-JV Participants have agreed to focus and accelerate exploration work on the Orion Cluster, where a large mass of prospective kimberlite is recognized by all the FALC-JV Participants. The Orion work is intended to provide sufficient data for conceptual level studies of all the bodies in the cluster by year end, and if results warrant, would lead directly into a next phase of more detailed exploration work.

Phase I on Orion includes core and LDD: core drilling on Orion will include 220 PQ (75 millimetre) holes totaling some 50,000 metres on a staggered 200 metre spaced grid over all Orion kimberlites that are currently estimated to be greater than 50 metres thick in vertical section. This core drilling program will include detailed geological and geotechnical logging, whole rock geochemistry, downhole geophysics, microdiamond analysis (2,200 kilograms) and geohydrological studies. A LDD program that includes 12 holes and some 3,000 metres will target the macrodiamond recovery from units of interest within Orion that are defined by the Phase I core drilling and previous work. The JV Participants plan to complete these LDD holes using drilling equipment capable of drilling 1.2 metre diameter holes. Mini-bulk samples, estimated to total 3,750 tonnes, recovered from these LDD holes will be processed for macrodiamonds greater than one millimetre for grade and value estimation.

Phase II drilling on Orion (40 holes, 8,000 metres) is also included in the 2006 exploration budget to insure a continuous work flow into 2007 as is the investigation of a 50 tonne per hour DMS plant within the FALC-JV. The additional 40 PQ core holes will be drilled based on positive results from Phase I and

will be used for more detailed delineation of potential economic kimberlite units defined during Phase 1 on Orion. The DMS plant will have the capability to process mini-bulk samples and future large tonnage underground bulk samples and have the capacity to recover large (up to 100 carat) diamonds.

### **Star West**

Star West is defined as that part of the Star Kimberlite that falls within the claim boundaries of the FALC-JV. Shore geologists presently estimate that Star West includes some 22 percent of the Star Kimberlite. The 2006 program defined for Star West includes 18 PQ core holes (4,000 metres), underground delineation drilling into Star West and, subject to further three dimensional kimberlite modeling, limited underground bulk sampling of Cantuar Kimberlite. The 18 PQ core hole program is already underway and seven holes have been completed to date. The underground delineation drilling will commence immediately.

### **FALC-JV Exploration**

The 2006 budget includes an exploration program of PQ core drilling (40 holes, 5,000 metres) and microdiamond analysis (1,400 kilograms) on additional kimberlites in the FALC-JV. This work intends to focus on Kimberlites 118, 152 and 123. This program will run synchronous with Phase I on Orion.

Senior Vice President Exploration and Development, George Read, states: "This aggressive and ambitious 2006 exploration program has been defined through the extensive efforts and cooperation of the JV Participants. Shore looks forward to working with our FALC-JV partners to develop these large tonnage, highly prospective kimberlites. The 2006 exploration budget for the Fort a la Corne region in which Shore/Kensington holds an interest, now totals approximately \$80 million of which Shore/Kensington's cost share totals approximately \$60 million."

Senior Vice President Exploration and Development, George Read, Professional Geoscientist in the Provinces of Saskatchewan and British Columbia, is the 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".

### **De Beers Litigation**

The previously-announced appeal by De Beers is scheduled to be heard on May 18, 2006. This approved 2006 exploration plan will not be affected by the outcome of the appeal.

### **Caution Regarding Forward-Looking Statements**

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