

# Star Diamond Corporation Announces First Quarter Results

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SASKATOON, May 3, 2018 /CNW/ - Star Diamond Corporation (the "Company") reports that the unaudited results of its first quarter for the quarter ended March 31, 2018 will be filed today on SEDAR and may be viewed at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com) once posted. A summary of key financial and operating results for the year is as follows:

## Highlights

- Announced the independent Preliminary Economic Assessment ("PEA") on the Company's 100% held Star and Orion Kimberlites (the "Star - Orion South Diamond Project", or "Project"): 66 million carats of diamonds could be recovered in a surface mine over a 38-year Project life:
- ● Base Case scenario (Model diamond price): Net Present Value ("NPV") (7%) of \$3.3 billion and an Internal Rate of Return ("IRR") of 22% before taxes and royalties, and an after-taxes and royalties NPV (7%) of \$2.0 billion with an after-tax payback period of 3.4 years after the commencement of diamond production;
- ● Case 1 scenario (High Model diamond price): NPV (7%) of \$5.4 billion for an IRR of 32% before taxes and royalties;
- Announced a technical update on proposed sampling program by Rio Tinto Exploration Canada ("RTEC");
- Announced core and sonic drilling programs and geotechnical investigations on the Star Kimberlite;
- Working capital of \$3.2 million at March 31, 2018;
- Issued and outstanding shares of 379.9 million at March 31, 2018

## Overview

[Star Diamond Corp.](#) is a Canadian natural resource company focused on exploring and developing Saskatchewan's diamond resources. In February, 2018, the Company announced that it had changed its name from Shore Gold Inc. to [Star Diamond Corporation](#) and its trading symbol on the Toronto Stock Exchange to "DIAM" (see News Release dated February 12, 2018). This new corporate name is in honour of the Star Kimberlite, located in the Fort à la Corne forest of Saskatchewan, Canada. It was through exploration and evaluation work completed on the Star Kimberlite, which demonstrated the significant quality, size and quantity of contained diamond populations. These high value diamonds facilitated the consolidation and advancement of the Company's Fort à la Corne area kimberlites, including the Star - Orion South Diamond Project.

The Company recently announced the positive results of the independent Preliminary Economic Assessment ("PEA") on the Star - Orion South Diamond Project. The PEA estimates that 66 million carats of diamonds could be recovered in a surface mine over a 38-year Project life. The PEA estimates a Net Present Value ("NPV") (7%) of \$2.0 billion after tax, an Internal Rate of Return ("IRR") of 19% and an after-tax payback period of 3.4 years after the commencement of diamond production (see News Release dated April 16, 2018). As a result of the 2017 mineral property consolidation and concurrent earn-in agreement with RTEC (see News Release dated June 23, 2017), the Company is now in an enhanced position to advance its 100% held Star - Orion South Diamond Project ("Project").

## Activities relating to the Star - Orion South Diamond Project

During the fourth quarter of 2017, the Company and RTEC announced the completion of an HQ core drilling program, consisting of ten holes and some 2,409 metres of drilling, on the Star Kimberlite (See News Releases dated October 12, 2017 and December 11, 2017). In conjunction with this diamond drill program, geotechnical investigations on the overburden were also conducted (see News Release dated January 8, 2018). The core drilling was required to accurately document the internal stratigraphy of the Star Kimberlite prior to a proposed sampling program by RTEC, which is expected to commence in 2018. The Sonic drilling of the overburden above the kimberlite was also an important precursor to a proposed sampling program. The Sonic drilling locations were in close proximity to the core holes, which will act as pilot holes for the proposed sampling program.

RTEC, Bauer Maschinen GmbH ("Bauer") and Nuna Logistics Limited recently finalized contractual arrangements for the manufacture, supply and operation of equipment to be used for the next phase of large diameter, bulk sample drilling on the Star Kimberlite (See News Release dated April 12, 2018). RTEC aims to use a Bauer BC 50 Cutter mounted on a Bauer MC 100 Duty-cycle Crane to drill and sample to depths of up to 250 metres below surface. Each ten metres of advance down hole will excavate some 100 tonnes of kimberlite. Bauer cutter rigs are used around the world for complex engineering projects.

indicated that this will be the first time in the world that this technology will be used in an active project to reach a depth of 1,000 meters. Bauer has committed to build and deliver the equipment to RTEC by mid-2018 with drilling of RTEC's program commencing this year.

In January 2017, the Company was informed by the Saskatchewan Minister of Environment that additional consultation would be required for the government to meet its legal obligation with respect to duty to consult and accommodate process (See News Release dated January 26, 2017). The Ministry has indicated to the Company that significant progress on meeting its duty to consult and accommodate has been made and that once consultations with potentially impacted First Nation and Métis communities are complete, the relevant pertinent information will be reviewed before a decision is made under The Environmental Assessment Act. The Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency previously announced an Environmental Assessment Decision for the proposed Project in January 2014, which the federal Environment Minister indicated that the Project "is not likely to cause significant adverse environmental effects" when the mitigation measures described in the Comprehensive Study Report are taken into account" (See News Release dated December 3, 2014).

## Results

For the quarter ended March 31, 2018, the Company recorded net loss of \$0.7 million or \$0.00 per share (basic and diluted) compared to a net loss of \$0.9 million or \$0.00 per share for the same period in 2017. The losses during these quarters were primarily due to operating costs and exploration and evaluation expenditures incurred by the Company exceeding interest income earned on cash equivalents and short-term investments.

Selected financial highlights include:

Condensed Consolidated Statements of Financial Position	As at
	December 31,
	2018
Current assets	\$ 3.2 M
Exploration and evaluation, capital and other assets	67.7 M
Current liabilities	0.2 M
Premium on flow-through shares	0.2 M
Non-current liabilities	1.3 M
Shareholders' equity	79.0 M

Consolidated Statements of Income (Loss)	Quarter Ended
	March 31,
	2018
Interest and other income	\$ 0.0 M
Expenses	0.9 M
Flow-through premium recognized in income	0.0 M
Net loss for the period	(0.9) M
Net loss per share for the period (basic and diluted)	0.00

Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows	Quarter Ended March 31,  March 31, 2018  2017
Cash flows from operating activities	\$ (0.9) M
Cash flows from investing activities	0.0 M
Cash flows from financing activities	0.0 M
Net decrease in cash	(0.9) M
Cash &ndash; beginning of period	2.8 M
Cash &ndash; end of period	3.9 M

#### Outlook

The positive results of the PEA show that the Star and Orion South Kimberlites have the potential to be economically developed as a world class diamond mine. On the shoulders of more detailed drilling and the Revised Resource Estimate of 2015, the Company has taken a fresh look at the Project and has refined the mining and processing plans with exciting and positive results.

The successful completion of the 2017 consolidation of the Company's Fort à la Corne mineral properties (including the Orion South Diamond Project) and the concurrent earn-in arrangement with RTEC sets the stage for a new phase for the Company. The Company's view that Rio Tinto is one of the few companies in the world with the resources and expertise to move forward with a project of the magnitude of the Star - Orion South Diamond Project. The Company is also very pleased to have acquired the remaining portion of the Project from Newmont while continuing to have Newmont as a significant shareholder.

As of May 3, 2018, the Company had approximately \$2.7 million in cash and cash equivalents and short-term investments (excluding \$0.6 million in restricted cash). A portion of the Company's cash and cash equivalents and short-term investments may be used for 2018 programs (including flow-through commitments) to further assess, evaluate and advance certain aspects of the Project, as well as for general corporate matters.

#### Caution Regarding Forward-looking Statements

This news release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of certain securities laws, including the "safe harbor" provisions of Canadian securities legislation and the United States Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. The words "may," "could," "should," "would," "suspect," "outlook," "believe," "plan," "anticipate," "estimate," "expect," "intend," and other expressions of similar import are intended to identify forward-looking statements, and, in particular, statements regarding the Company's future operations, future exploration and development activities or other development plans contain forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements in this news release include, but are not limited to, disclosure regarding the economic and project parameters presented in the PEA, including, without limitation, IRR, NPV and other costs and economic information; the number of carats of diamonds to be recovered, pre-tax payback period, tonnes of kimberlite to be mined, carats per tonne to be recovered (grade), diamond prices, life of mine, capital costs, length of pre-production period; statements related to mineral resource estimates; statements related to the approval of the development of the Star - Orion South Diamond Project; statements related to the future development of the Star - Orion South Diamond Project and associated timelines; the environmental assessment and permitting process; the Company's intention to seek additional financing in the ensuing years; statements with respect to geotechnical investigations, assessments and test work; the proposed sampling program; Company and RTEC's objectives for the ensuing year.

These forward-looking statements are based on the Company's current beliefs as well as assumptions made by and information currently available to it and involve inherent risks and uncertainties, both general and specific. Risks exist that forward-

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Although management considers the assumptions contained in forward-looking statements to be reasonable based on currently available to it, those assumptions may prove to be incorrect. When making decisions with respect to the Company, investors and others should not place undue reliance on these statements and should carefully consider the foregoing and other uncertainties and potential events. Unless required by applicable securities law, the Company does not undertake any forward-looking statement that may be made.

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