

# Star Diamond Corporation Announces Second Quarter Results

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SASKATOON, July 31, 2018 /CNW/ - Star Diamond Corporation (the "Company") reports that the unaudited results of its operations for the quarter ended June 30, 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 South 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 IRR of 19% and 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 technical updates on proposed sampling program by Rio Tinto Exploration Canada ("RTEC");
- Working capital of \$2.3 million at June 30, 2018;
- Issued and outstanding shares of 383.2 million at June 30, 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 Corp.](#) 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 the exploration and evaluation work completed on the Star Kimberlite, which demonstrated the significant quality, size and value of the 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 Project. The PEA estimates that 66 million carats of diamonds could be recovered in a surface mine over a 38-year Project life, with 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.

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

During the quarter ended June 30, 2018, RTEC, Bauer Maschinen GmbH ("Bauer") and Nuna Logistics Limited 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 aim to use a Bauer BC 50 Cutter mounted on a Bauer MC 128 Duty-cycle Crane to drill and sample to depths of up to 250 metres below surface. Each ten metres of advance down hole aims to excavate some 100 tonnes of kimberlite. Bauer cutter rigs are used around the world for complex engineering projects. Bauer has 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 250 meters.

RTEC and Consulmet (Pty) Ltd ("Consulmet") recently finalized contractual arrangements for the manufacture and supply of a 30 tonne per hour ("tph") bulk sample plant (See News Release dated May 15, 2018). The bulk sample plant is specifically designed to maximize liberation and recovery of diamonds throughout the -25+0.85 millimetre size range, and minimize diamond breakage, particularly among potential specials (plus 10.8 carat stones) that may be recovered from both the Star and Orion South Kimberlites. The bulk sample plant will be fabricated by Consulmet in South Africa in modular, containerized units, which will facilitate shipment to the Project site. The proposed bulk sample plant will use a modern flow-sheet and the latest X-ray transmission ("XRT") sorting technology to ensure any large diamonds present (up to 25 millimetres) are recovered with minimal breakage. A secondary crushing circuit, using a high pressure rolls crusher ("HPRC"), will maximize the liberation of smaller diamonds from the kimberlite. The bulk sample plant consists of four areas, each with its own control system: 1) a wet front-end and feed preparation area; 2) an XRT sorter area; 3) a 10 tph dense media separator ("DMS") area; and 4) a water reticulation area. RTEC is currently preparing the Project site for the commencement of the proposed bulk sample drilling program, with drilling to commence this year.

In January 2017, the Company was informed by the Saskatchewan Minister of Environment that additional consultation is 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 has been made on meeting its duty to consult obligations and that once consultations with potentially impacted First Nation and Métis communities are completed, all 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 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).

#### Quarterly results

For the quarter ended June 30, 2018, the Company recorded net loss of \$1.8 million or \$0.00 per share (basic and fully diluted) compared to net income of \$43.0 million or \$0.14 per share for the same period in 2017. The loss during the quarter ended June 30, 2018 was due to operating costs and exploration and evaluation expenditures incurred by the Company. Net income during the quarter ended June 30, 2017 was due to the partial reversal of previously recorded impairments relating to exploration and evaluation assets (\$44.5 million).

#### Year to date results

For the six months ended June 30, 2018, the Company recorded a net loss of \$2.5 million or \$0.01 per share compared to net income of \$42.2 million or \$0.14 per share for the same period in 2017. The loss during the three and six months ended June 30, 2018 was primarily due to ongoing operating costs and exploration and evaluation expenditures incurred by the Company exceeding interest and other income earned. Net income during the three and six months ended June 30, 2017 was due to the partial reversal of previously recorded impairments relating to exploration and evaluation assets (\$44.5 million). Exploration and evaluation expenditures incurred during the six months ended June 30, 2018 primarily related to work relating to geotechnical investigations and test work for the Project as well as other costs associated with the PEA.

Selected financial highlights include:

Condensed Consolidated Statements of Financial Position	As at June 30, 2018	As at December 31, 2017
Current assets	\$ 2.5 M	\$ 4.2 M
Exploration and evaluation, capital and other assets	67.8 M	67.7 M
Current liabilities	0.2 M	0.4 M
Premium on flow-through shares and non-current liabilities	1.5 M	1.5 M
Shareholders' equity	68.6 M	70.0 M

Consolidated Statements of Income (Loss)	Three Months Ended June 30, 2018	Three Months Ended June 30, 2017	Six Months Ended June 30, 2018	Six Months Ended June 30, 2017
Interest and other income	\$ 0.1 M	\$ 0.0 M	\$ 0.1 M	\$ 0.0 M
Expenses	2.0 M	1.5 M	2.8 M	2.0 M
Flow-through premium recognized in income	0.1 M	0.0 M	0.1 M	0.0 M
Reversal of prior impairments to exploration and evaluation assets	0.0 M	44.5 M	0.1 M	44.5 M
Net income (loss) for the period	(1.8) M	43.0 M	(2.5) M	44.5 M
Net income (loss) per share for the period (basic and diluted)	0.00	0.14	0.01	0.14

Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows	Six Months Ended June 30, 2018	Six Months Ended June 30, 2017
Cash flows from operating activities	\$ (1.9) M	\$ (0.4) M
Cash flows from investing activities	(0.1) M	(1.0) M
Cash flows from financing activities	0.1 M	1.3 M
Net decrease in cash	(1.9) M	(0.1) M
Cash &ndash; beginning of period	4.0 M	2.8 M
Cash &ndash; end of period	2.1 M	2.7 M

