

Southstone Announces Profit for Q1 and Average Diamond Prices of US\$1,844/Carat

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VANCOUVER, Feb. 07, 2020 - [Southstone Minerals Ltd.](#) ("Southstone" or the "Company") (TSX.V – SML) is pleased to announce a record quarter, having made a profit for the Q1 2020 period (1 September 2019 to 30 November 2019) of C\$364,838, compared to a loss incurred in the comparative period in Q1 2019 of C\$88,636. These results are directly related to the increase in diamond sales from Oena Diamond Mine, South Africa ("Oena").

Southstone continues to focus and prioritize its efforts on improving and increasing production at Oena resulting in operational improvements and the production of very high-quality and high-value diamonds. A total of 1,085.20 carats (418 diamonds) were produced, placed on tender and sold with an average price of US\$1,844 per carat in Q1 2020. This includes the following twelve special stones:

Carats	US\$/carat	Carats	US\$/carat
35.00	15,285	14.64	4,099
9.29	5,549	6.17	3,721
11.46	5,090	5.68	3,700
8.180	3,464	7.01	2,605
10.63	3,066	14.51	2,520
9.920	2,641	5.29	2,520

Production at Oena recommenced in early January 2020 and Southstone will continue to maintain a strategic focus on the Oena Diamond Mine. Management is very pleased with these results and will continue its efforts for the Company's success while looking for additional opportunities for the Company's growth strategy.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF

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