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### **FORT A LA CORNE JOINT VENTURE ORION CORE DRILLING DEFINES 6 NEW FEEDER VENTS, LARGE DIAMETER DRILLING COMMENCES**

George H. Read, P. Geo., Senior Vice President Exploration and Development, is pleased to announce the initial results of the extensive pattern drilling program completed on the Orion Kimberlite Cluster (Orion Cluster) within the Fort a la Corne Joint Venture (FALC-JV). To date, 218 PQ (75 millimetre) drillholes, totaling 50,122 metres have been drilled into the kimberlites of the Orion Cluster since the commencement of the 2006 program in late June, resulting in the definition of six new deep feeder vents. Infill drilling is ongoing on Orion North with an additional drillhole completed every three days. In addition, large diameter (LD) drilling has commenced on Orion North with two Bauer BG36 drills. The FALC-JV is funded 60 percent by Shore Gold Inc. through Kensington Resources Ltd. (the Operator) and 40 percent by Newmont Mining Corporation of Canada Limited.

The Orion Cluster is composed of nine large kimberlites that have coalesced to form some 7 kilometres of continuous kimberlite from Kimberlite 133 in the southeast to Kimberlite 120 in the northwest. The Orion Cluster has been subdivided into three main groups of kimberlites: Orion North (Kimberlites 147, 148, 120 and 220), Orion Centre (Kimberlites 145 and 219) and Orion South (Kimberlites 133, 140 and 141) (See map posted on [www.shoregold.com](http://www.shoregold.com)). The details of the drilling completed on Orion North, Centre and South are listed in the following table.

<b>Kimberlite Group</b>	<b>Number of Drillholes</b>	<b>Total metres Drilled</b>	<b>Kimberlite metres Drilled</b>	<b>Average Overburden Thickness (m)</b>	<b>Range Kimberlite Thickness (m)</b>	<b>Feeder Vents Defined in 2006</b>	<b>Feeder Vents Defined in Total</b>
<b>Orion North</b>	117	26,521	10,195	104	0 - 283	3	3
<b>Orion Centre</b>	48	10,809	3,428	105	27 - 242	2	2
<b>Orion South</b>	53	12,792	4,572	102	11 - 233	1	5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>50,122</b>	<b>18,195</b>			<b>6</b>	<b>10</b>

This pattern drilling program not only confirms previous drilling completed on the Orion Cluster but the current program has shown that the kimberlites are larger than originally thought – particularly Orion North and South. Six new feeder vents were discovered during the 2006 program. The main feeder vent of Orion North is substantial in size (approximately 250 by 200 metres at 300 metres below surface) and will make a major contribution to the kimberlite tonnage available within Orion North. Detailed core logging shows that the Orion Cluster contains kimberlites that are stratigraphically equivalent to the major diamondiferous kimberlite phases (Cantuar, Pense and Early Joli Fou) mapped within the Star Kimberlite. This 2006 core drilling indicates that Orion North has the potential to be the highest priority kimberlite in the FALC-JV based on its internal geology, size / tonnage potential and microdiamond results (See SGF News Release June 13, 2006). Core drilling has shown that the Orion overburden thins to the north to the extent that the Colorado marine mudstone is absent from Orion North. This Colorado mudstone appears to have been removed from Orion North by continental glaciation, as glacial till is in direct contact with highly prospective kimberlite. Detailed core logging suggests that Kimberlites 147, 148 and 220 form a contiguous, large tonnage body within Orion North, while the adjacent Kimberlite 120 appears to be geologically distinct and has the highest proportion of eclogite xenoliths recorded in any of the FALC-JV kimberlites drilled to date.

To date, most of the drilling program was completed using six drill rigs: five rigs drilling core and one rig removing casing and grouting holes. Presently, two of the rigs remain on Orion North to complete the infill drilling program. The drillholes are arranged on a diamond pattern grid with 200 metre centres and each alternate row is offset by 100 metres. Shore geologists are responsible for the detailed logging of the core and the same quantitative logging methods have been applied to the Orion Cluster as are used on the Star Diamond Project. Downhole geophysical logging has been completed on the core holes and geotechnical measurements are made on core samples. Whole rock geochemistry samples are collected from all kimberlite types represented within each core. The aim of the Orion Cluster core drilling is to define the preliminary volume and map the internal structure of the constituent kimberlites so that an initial geological model can be constructed for the Orion kimberlites. This model will be used to optimize the location of future LD drillholes from which mini-bulk samples will be recovered for macrodiamond analysis. The LD drill macrodiamond samples will determine the viability and location of a shaft and underground workings for future bulk sampling.

Senior Vice President Exploration and Development, George Read, states: "The pattern core drilling is an essential step in the evaluation of these large Fort a la Corne kimberlites. Shore geologists are most encouraged by these initial drilling results that show significant intersections of prospective kimberlite, additional feeder vents and thinner overburden. Drill results have shown that the Orion Cluster is highly prospective with Orion North emerging as the most interesting kimberlite group investigated to date within the FALC-JV. The economic significance of Orion North will ultimately be determined by the recovery of a representative macrodiamond parcel, initially from mini-bulk samples recovered from LD drillholes and subsequently from underground bulk samples. As the first step in this process, both LD drills have been moved from the Star Diamond Project to the FALC-JV and have commenced drilling the first two holes in Orion North. Once the first phase of LD drilling on Orion North (being 15 to 20 holes) has been completed in early 2007, the LD drills will return to complete the LD drilling program on Star. This temporary "loan" of the LD drills is not expected to materially impact the prefeasibility study on Star as other aspects of the Star prefeasibility study continue at an aggressive pace including underground bulk sampling of the highly prospective Pense and Cantuar Kimberlites, underground drilling and infill surface core drilling."

The 2006 exploration program on the FALC-JV commenced in late June, is scheduled for completion by December 31, 2006 and has an approved budget of \$43.2 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".

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