

# 1st Quarter Report 2013















# MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION & ANALYSIS ("MD&A")

For the three months ended March 31, 2013

The following discussion and analysis is prepared by Management as of May 7, 2013 and should be read in conjunction with the unaudited condensed interim consolidated financial statements for the period ended March 31, 2013 ("financial statements for the period ended March 31, 2013"), as well as the audited consolidated financial statements and annual MD&A for the year ended December 31, 2012 available on SEDAR at www.sedar.com. Shore Gold Inc. ("Shore", "SGF", or "the Company") prepared its financial statements for the period ended March 31, 2013 in accordance with International Accounting Standard ("IAS") 34, Interim Financial Reporting using accounting policies consistent with the International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB"). All currency amounts are quoted in Canadian Dollars, unless otherwise stated.

## Overview

During the first quarter of 2013, the Company's main focus was working on the preparation of the final Environmental Impact Statement ("EIS") for the Star – Orion South Diamond Project ("Project") and continuing to seek opportunities for development capital for the Project. The Star – Orion South Diamond Project is situated in the Fort à la Corne kimberlite field in central Saskatchewan. The Star – Orion South Diamond Project includes the 100 percent Shore owned Star Diamond Project, as well as Star West and the Orion South Kimberlite, which fall within the adjacent Fort à la Corne Joint Venture ("FALC-JV"). Shore has a 67 percent interest in the FALC-JV and Newmont Canada FN Holdings ULC ("Newmont") has a 33 percent interest.

The Company has completed a National Instrument ("NI") 43-101 compliant Technical Report ("Feasibility Technical Report") documenting the Feasibility Study and Mineral Reserve for the Star – Orion South Diamond Project ("Feasibility Study"), the results of which were announced in July 2011 (See SGF News Release dated July 14, 2011). The Feasibility Study includes a cash flow model Base Case net present value ("NPV") of \$2.1 billion (using a 7 percent discount rate) for an Internal Rate of Return ("IRR") of 16 percent before taxes and royalties and an after-taxes and royalties NPV of \$1.3 billion with an IRR of 14 percent. The cash flow model of the Feasibility Study is based on Probable Mineral Reserves of 279 million diluted tonnes of kimberlite at a weighted average grade of 12.3 carats per hundred tonnes ("cpht") containing 34.4 million carats at a weighted average price of US\$242 per carat. The full details of the Feasibility Technical Report can be viewed on the Company's website (www.shoregold.com) or on SEDAR (www.sedar.com).















# **Events relating to the Star - Orion South Diamond Project**

The Revised EIS, which describes the potential environmental and socio-economic effects of the Project, was submitted to Provincial and Federal regulators on August 10, 2012 (See SGF News Release dated August 10, 2012). The Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment ("Ministry") is the lead agency on behalf of the Province and the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency ("CEAA") is the lead agency for the Federal government, which are jointly conducting the environmental assessment of the Project. The Environmental Impact Assessment ("EIA") process for the Project has been on-going since the Project Proposal was filed in November 2008. The original Draft EIS, submitted to the regulators in December 2010, was based on the Project Pre-Feasibility Study, which was published in March 2010. This Draft EIS generated a total of 802 comments and information requests from Federal and Provincial agencies and Aboriginal groups. The Revised EIS was based on the August 2011 Feasibility Study of the Project and incorporated responses to all the review comments and information requests.

The Revised EIS generated an additional 56 Federal comments and information requests and 82 (76 original comments and 6 comments received after the News Release of October 30, 2012) Provincial comments and information requests. The Company has prepared and submitted responses for the comments and information requests on the Revised EIS that were received from the Ministry (See SGF News Releases dated January 31, 2013 and April 10, 2013). Many of these comments were addressed by Shore personnel using existing information. A limited number of comments required further discussion with and additional work by consultants. The Revised EIS will be released for public comment by the Ministry when all comments and information requests have been resolved.

# **Financial Highlights**

Selected financial information of the Company for the quarters ended March 31, 2013 and 2012 is summarized as follows:

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2013 \$	Three Months Ended March 31, 2012 \$
Revenues (millions)	-	-
Net loss (millions)	(1.5)	(3.8)
Net loss per share (1)	(0.01)	(0.02)
Total assets (millions)	11.4	19.6
Total non-current liabilities (millions) (2)	1.4	1.4
Working capital (millions)	7.2	13.3

<sup>(1)</sup> Basic and diluted.

<sup>(2)</sup> Total non-current liabilities are comprised of environmental rehabilitation provisions for which the Company has provided letters of credit, backed by short-term securities that are recorded on the Company's financial statements as restricted cash.















# **Results of Operations**

For the quarter ended March 31, 2013, the Company recorded a net loss of \$1.5 million or \$0.01 per share compared to a net loss of \$3.8 million or \$0.02 per share for the same period in 2012. The losses during these quarters were due to operating costs and exploration and evaluation expenditures incurred by the Company exceeding interest revenue earned on cash and cash equivalents and short-term investments. The loss during the quarter ended March 31, 2013 was lower than the same period in 2012 primarily due to costs associated with the reductions in the Company's officers and personnel that took place in 2012.

#### Revenues

The Company invested excess cash reserves in interest-bearing short-term deposits while ensuring funds were available to meet cash outflow requirements associated with the Company's exploration and evaluation projects and for general corporate matters. For the quarter ended March 31, 2013 the Company reported interest and other revenue of \$22 thousand as compared to \$43 thousand for the quarter ended March 31, 2012.

# Expenses

Expenses incurred during the quarter ended March 31, 2013 decreased by \$2.2 million to \$1.5 million, compared to \$3.7 million for the same period in 2012. A portion of this decrease is the result of the reduction in the Company's officers and personnel during the first quarter of 2012. The measures taken in 2012 enable the Company to conserve its cash position and provide an extended operating window in which Shore can complete the environmental approval and Project permitting and continue to seek opportunities for development capital through participation in the Project by a third party or a syndicate of investors. Lower exploration and evaluation expenditures incurred during the quarter ended March 31, 2013 also contributed to this decrease in expenditures.

Exploration and evaluation expenditures were \$0.8 million for the first quarter of 2013 compared to \$1.8 million for the quarter ended March 31, 2012. Exploration and evaluation expenditures incurred during the quarters ended March 31, 2013 and March 31, 2012 related to the continuation of the EIA process for the Star – Orion South Diamond Project as well as on-going administration and maintenance of the Company's exploration and evaluation properties. Also included in exploration and evaluation expenditures incurred during the quarter ended March 31, 2012 were certain termination benefits and severance costs incurred by the Company.

Administration, consulting and professional fees, and corporate development expenditures for the quarters ended March 31, 2013 decreased by \$1.2 million from the same period in 2012, primarily due to measures taken in 2012 to reduce its operating expenses. Included in administration, consulting and professional fees incurred during the quarter ended March 31, 2012 were certain termination benefits and severance costs.















# Investment in Wescan Goldfields Inc.

At March 31, 2013, Shore held 6.6% (December 31, 2012 – 6.6%) of the shares of Wescan Goldfields Inc. ("Wescan"), a publicly traded company on the TSX Venture exchange. The Company accounts for its investment in Wescan as an available-for-sale financial instrument. The fair value based on the closing trading price of the common shares of Wescan at March 31, 2013 was \$52 thousand (December 31, 2012 – \$65 thousand). As a result, for the quarter ended March 31, 2013 the Company recognized a \$13 thousand decrease (quarter ended March 31, 2012 – \$130 thousand increase) in the carrying value of its investment in Wescan. At December 31, 2012, the Company assessed that there was objective evidence that this investment was impaired. As the Company's assessment at March 31, 2013 has not changed, the change in fair value during March 31, 2013 was recognized in the consolidated statement of loss instead of comprehensive loss. At March 31, 2013, a 10 percent decrease in the market price of Wescan would result in a \$5 thousand decrease in fair value.

# **Financing**

No financing activities occurred during the three-month periods ended March 31, 2013 and March 31, 2012.

# **Summary of Quarterly Results**

	2013		20	12			2011	
	Qtr 1	Qtr 4	Qtr 3	Qtr 2	Qtr 1	Qtr 4	Qtr 3	Qtr 2
Revenues (1) (\$millions)	-	-	0.1	0.1	-	0.1	0.1	-
Net loss <sup>(2)</sup> (\$millions)	1.5	1.6	1.7	2.2	3.8	212.0	2.7	4.0
Net loss per share <sup>(3)</sup> (\$)	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.94	0.01	0.02
<b>Shares outstanding</b> (4) (millions)	224.7	224.7	224.7	224.7	224.7	224.7	224.6	224.5

- Revenues are primarily related to interest earned on the Company's cash and short-term investments.
- The net loss during the fourth quarter of 2011 was primarily related to impairments of exploration and evaluation assets of the Company. The loss during the first quarter of 2011 was lower due to positive changes in fair value of long-term investments as well as lower exploration and evaluation expenditures incurred. Net losses for all other quarters primarily relate to expenditures incurred by the Company exceeding interest revenue earned. Also contributing to the net loss during the first quarter of 2012 were costs associated with reductions to the Company's personnel.
- Basic and diluted.
- Changes in the number of shares outstanding are the result of option exercises.

# **Related Party Transactions**

Messrs. Kenneth E. MacNeill (President and Chief Executive Officer) and George H. Read (Senior Vice President of Exploration and Development), through their respective consulting companies, hold management and consulting contracts with the Company. During the three-month period ended March 31, 2013, Messrs. MacNeill and Read's monthly contracted fees were \$36 thousand (2012 - \$36 thousand) and \$21 thousand (2012 – \$20 thousand), respectively. During the quarter ended March 31, 2012, the management services agreement with Harvey J. Bay (Chief Financial Officer) was















terminated by the Company. This contract termination by the Company resulted in the payment of \$601 thousand of termination benefits during 2012.

During the three-month period ended March 31, 2013 total compensation paid or payable to these officers (through companies controlled by Messrs. MacNeill, Bay and Read) and to directors of the Company was \$0.2 million (2012 – \$0.9 million). Of these amounts, \$0.1 million (2012 – \$0.2 million) were included in administration expense and \$0.1 million (2012 – \$0.7 million) were included in consulting and professional fees expense.

The above transactions were in the normal course of operations and are measured at an amount agreed to by the related parties.

# Liquidity

The Company does not currently operate any producing properties and, as such, is dependent upon the issuance of new equity to finance its ongoing obligations and advance its exploration properties. Until the Company's surplus cash is required to fund exploration or development activities it is invested in a variety of highly rated instruments. The Company expects its current capital resources will be sufficient to carry out its present plans.

At March 31, 2013 the Company had \$7.1 million in cash and cash equivalents and short-term investments. The Company has also supplied \$1.8 million (2012 – \$1.8 million) of irrevocable standby letters of credit issued by a Canadian chartered bank. The security related to the letters of credit is included in restricted cash and excluded from the Company's working capital. The majority of these securities are for environmental rehabilitation provisions.

# **Capital Resources and Outstanding Share Data**

As at March 31, 2013 the Company had working capital of \$7.2 million as compared to \$8.6 million at December 31, 2012. The Company expects its current capital resources will be sufficient to carry out its present plans while it completes the environmental permitting process and attempts to secure Project financing.

At March 31, 2013 the Company had 224,739,242 shares issued and outstanding and 6,925,000 options outstanding. The number of shares outstanding remained unchanged from December 31, 2012 while the number of options outstanding declined by 1,700,000 from December 31, 2012 due to expiries.

As at May 7, 2013, the Company's issued and outstanding shares remained unchanged from March 31, 2012. Since the end of the first quarter of 2013, the Company's outstanding options changed by 601,000 to 7,526,000 as a result of options granted at an exercise price of \$0.17.















#### **Financial Instruments**

As at March 31, 2013, the fair value of all of the Company's financial instruments approximates their carrying value. Certain financial instruments are exposed to the following financial risks:

#### Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk of an unexpected loss by the Company if a customer or third-party to a financial instrument fails to meet its contractual obligations. The Company considers this risk to be insignificant as the majority of the Company's cash and cash equivalents, short-term investments, and restricted cash are invested in Government of Canada treasury bills which are backed by the Government of Canada. At March 31, 2013, the Company's credit risk relates to its cash and cash equivalents, short-term investments, and restricted cash of \$8.9 million (December 31, 2012 – \$10.5 million).

## Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company will not be able to meet its financial obligations as they fall due. The Company's approach is to forecast future cash flows to ensure that it will have sufficient liquidity to meet its obligations when due. To ensure the Company has sufficient cash on hand, the Company prepares annual capital and operating budgets which are regularly monitored and updated as considered necessary. As at March 31, 2013, the Company had working capital of \$7.2 million, excluding restricted cash. Management believes this working capital will be sufficient to meet financial obligations as they fall due.

As at March 31, 2013, the Company had guaranteed certain liabilities by issuing \$1.8 million (December 31, 2012 – \$1.8 million) of irrevocable standby letters of credit. The Company backs the letters of credit with investments which have been recorded on the financial statements as restricted cash. The Company does not include restricted cash in its working capital when analyzing its liquidity requirements. The majority of the guarantees at March 31, 2013 relate to environmental rehabilitation provisions.

The Company is pursuing options to finance the further exploration and development of the Star – Orion South project as it currently does not have sufficient funds to put any of its property interests into production from its own financial resources. Financing options include joint arrangements, debt financing, equity financing or other means. The Company believes it has sufficient liquidity to continue operations until financing is arranged. However, there is no assurance that Shore will be successful in obtaining required financing as and when needed. Failure to obtain additional financing on a timely basis may cause the Company to postpone development plans, forfeit rights in its properties or reduce or terminate its operations.















#### Market risk

Market risk is the risk that the fair value of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices. Market risks are comprised of four types: foreign currency risk, interest rate risk, commodity price risk and equity price risk. As at March 31, 2013, the Company does not have significant exposure to any of these market risks.

# **Critical Accounting Estimates**

The financial statements for the period ended March 31, 2013 have been prepared in accordance with IAS 34 using accounting policies consistent with IFRS issued by the IASB and interpretations of IFRIC. The Company's accounting policies are described in note 3 to the financial statements for the period ended March 31, 2013. Certain of these policies involve critical accounting estimates as they require management to make particularly subjective or complex judgments about matters that are inherently uncertain and because of the likelihood that materially different amounts could be reported under different conditions or using different assumptions. The uncertainties related to these areas could significantly impact the Company's results of operations, financial condition and cash flows.

In preparing the financial statements for the period ended March 31, 2013, significant judgments have been made by management in applying the Company's accounting policies. In particular, the significant areas of estimation uncertainty considered by management in preparing the financial statements for the period ended March 31, 2012 are: reserve and resource estimation, asset valuations and assessments for impairment, environmental rehabilitation provisions, recovery of deferred tax assets and share-based payment transactions. These assumptions are discussed in more detail in Note 4 of the Company's audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2012.

A critical accounting estimate in determining the Company's financial results relates to the recoverability of the carried amounts of exploration and evaluation assets. Management assesses carrying values of these assets each time it issues financial statements.

# **Accounting Changes**

# Adoption of IFRS standards, amendments and interpretations issued and effective for January 1, 2013

At the date of authorization of these condensed interim consolidated financial statements, the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB") and the International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee ("IFRIC") have issued new or amended standards and interpretations that are mandatory for 2013 annual periods have not had a material impact on the Company: FRS 10 Consolidated Financial Statements, IFRS 11 Joint Arrangements, IFRS 12 Disclosure of Interests in Other Entities, IFRS 13 Fair Value Measurement, IFRIC 20 Stripping Costs in the Production Phase of a Surface Mine.















#### IFRS 10 – Consolidated Financial Statements

IFRS 10 builds on existing principles by identifying the concept of control as the determining factor in whether an entity should be included within the consolidated financial statements of the parent company. The standard, which is effective for accounting periods beginning January 1, 2013, provides additional guidance to assist in the determination of control. Under IFRS 10, an investor controls an investee when it is exposed, or has rights, to variable returns from its involvement with the investee and has the ability to affect those returns through its power over the investee.

# IFRS 11 – Joint Arrangements

IFRS 11, which is effective for accounting periods beginning January 1, 2013, describes the accounting for arrangements in which there is joint control. IFRS 11 replaces IAS 31 *Interest in Joint Ventures* and SIC 13 *Jointly Controlled Entities - Non-Monetary Contributions by Venturers*. The application of IFRS 11 requires judgment in determining the existence and classification of joint arrangements, taking into account structure, the legal forms of any separate vehicles, the contractual terms of the arrangements and other facts and circumstances.

# IFRS 12 – Disclosures of Interests in Other Entities

IFRS 12, which is effective for accounting periods beginning January 1, 2013, includes disclosure requirements for all forms of interests in other entities, including joint arrangements, associates, special purpose vehicles and other off balance sheet vehicles.

#### IFRS 13 – Fair Value Measurement

IFRS 13, which is effective for accounting period beginning January 1, 2013, provides additional guidance where IFRS requires fair value to be used. This IFRS defines fair value, sets out in a single standard a framework for measuring fair value and establishes the required disclosures about fair value measurement.

# IFRIC 20 – Stripping Costs in the Production Phase of a Surface Mine

In IFRIC 20, the IFRS Interpretations Committee sets out principles for the recognition of production stripping costs in the balance sheet. The interpretation, effective for accounting period beginning on January 1, 2013, recognizes that some production stripping in surface mining activity will benefit production in future periods and sets out criteria for capitalizing such costs.

# Future Accounting Changes

At the date of authorization of financial statements for the period ended March 31, 2013, the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB") and the International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee ("IFRIC") have issued certain new and revised Standards and Interpretations which are not yet effective for the relevant reporting periods. The Company is yet to assess the full impact of the following and intends to adopt the standard no earlier than the accounting period beginning on January 1, 2015: IFRS 9















Financial Instruments. IFRS 9 is part of the IASB's wider project to replace IAS 39 Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement. The standard is effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2015, with early adoption permitted.

There are no other IFRSs or IFRIC interpretations that are not yet effective that would be expected to have a material impact on the Company.

#### **Disclosure Controls and Procedures**

The Company has disclosure controls and procedures in place to provide reasonable assurance that any information required to be disclosed by the Company under securities legislation is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the applicable time periods, and to ensure that required information is gathered and communicated to the Company's management so that decisions can be made about timely disclosure of that information. In accordance with the requirements of National Instrument 52-109 Certification of Disclosure in Issuer's Annual and Interim Filings, the Company's management, under the supervision and with the participation of the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures and have caused these to be designed to provide reasonable assurance that material information is made known to management, particularly during the period in which these filings are being prepared; and information required to be disclosed is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in securities legislation.

There have been no significant changes in the Company's disclosure controls during the quarter ended March 31, 2013.

#### **Internal Controls over Financial Reporting Procedures**

The Company's management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal controls over financial reporting. Any system of internal controls over financial reporting, no matter how well designed, has inherent limitations. Therefore, even those systems determined to be effective can provide only reasonable assurance with respect to financial statement preparation and presentation. In accordance with the requirements of National Instrument 52-109 Certification of Disclosure in Issuer's Annual and Interim Filings, the Company's management, under the supervision and with the participation of the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer, have designed the Company's internal controls over financial reporting as of the end of the period covered by these filings so that the internal controls over financial reporting provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with IFRS issued by the IASB and interpretations of the IFRIC.















There have been no significant changes to internal controls over financial reporting during the quarter ended March 31, 2013 that could have materially affected or are reasonably likely to materially affect the Company's internal controls over financial reporting.

# **Outlook**

Diamond prices increased rapidly in 2011, reaching a peak in early August, when the price of rough softened as a result of world financial uncertainties, particularly in Europe. Rough prices rose during the first quarter of 2012 but the world financial situation once again caused the price of rough to decrease during the second and third quarters of 2012. Rough prices have, however, increased since the end of the third quarter of 2012 with overall rough diamond prices at the end of 2012 increasing slightly from rough diamond prices at the end of 2011. Current rough prices are slightly above the price used in the Feasibility Study.

As of May 7, 2013, the Company had approximately \$6.7 million in cash and cash equivalents and short-term investments (excluding \$1.8 million in restricted cash). Measures taken in early 2012 will enable the Company to conserve its cash position and provide an extended operating window in which Shore can complete the environmental permitting process and continue to seek opportunities for development capital. A portion of the Company's cash and cash equivalents and short-term investments will be used to advance certain aspects of the project, including the EIA and related permitting.

#### **Risks and Uncertainties**

The Company attempts to mitigate risks by identifying, assessing, reporting and managing risks of significance. The following are risks relating to the business of the Company. This information is a summary only of risks currently facing the Company based on its stage of development. Additional risks and uncertainties not presently known may also impact the Company's operations. Management's view on risks facing the Company will evolve as the Company's stage of development progresses.

# Risks Associated With a Non-Producing Company

The principal risks faced by the Company involve: Shore's ability to obtain financing to further the exploration and development of exploration and evaluation properties in which Shore holds interests; maintaining title to its property claims; obtaining the required permits from various federal, provincial and local governmental authorities; and the ultimate economic feasibility of any future development projects.

The further development and exploration of exploration and evaluation properties in which Shore holds interests or which Shore acquires may depend upon Shore's ability to obtain financing through joint arrangements, debt financing, equity financing or other means. The Company currently does not have sufficient funds to put any of its property interests into















production from its own financial resources. There is no assurance that Shore will be successful in obtaining required financing as and when needed. Failure to obtain additional financing on a timely basis may cause the Company to postpone development plans, forfeit rights in its properties or reduce or terminate its operations. Reduced liquidity or difficulty in obtaining future financing could have an adverse impact on Shore's future cash flows, results of operations and financial condition. The relative prices of diamonds and future expectations for such prices have a significant impact on the market sentiment for investment in diamond mining and exploration companies. To ensure that exploration procedures are being performed effectively and those results are interpreted and reported in a proper manner, management ensures that qualified individuals, service providers and external consultants are utilized in the verification and quality assurance of analytical results.

Title disputes could have adverse consequences to the Company. Managing these issues is an integral part of exploration, development and mining in Canada and Shore is committed to managing these issues effectively. The Company has diligently investigated title to its claims. However, no assurance can be given that title to these properties will not be challenged or impugned in the future by third parties or governments. Management maintains a database to monitor the status of the Company's claims to ensure all claims are in good standing.

The current or future operations of the Company, including development activities and commencement of production on its properties, require permits from various federal, provincial and local governmental authorities. Failure to comply with applicable laws, regulations, and permitting requirements may result in permits not being granted or enforcement actions thereunder, including orders issued by regulatory or judicial authorities causing operations to cease or be curtailed and may include corrective measures requiring capital expenditures, installation of additional equipment, or remedial actions. To the best of the Company's knowledge, it is operating in compliance with all applicable rules and regulations. In addition, the permits that will be required for the construction and operation of the proposed Star – Orion South Diamond Project will be applied for following provincial and/or federal Ministerial approval upon conclusion of the EIA. While the majority of permits will be required from provincial authorities, permits required from the federal government include authorization from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans to allow anticipated changes to fish and fish habitat, permits from Natural Resources Canada for the explosives storage site and authorizations from Environment Canada and Transport Canada. The Company utilizes qualified individuals, service providers and external consultants and maintains constant communications with governmental authorities to ensure that the Company is or, in the case of the EIA, will be in compliance with all applicable rules and regulations.

All of Shore's property interests are currently in the feasibility or exploration stage. The exploration, development and production of precious metals and gems are capital-intensive, subject to the normal risks and capital expenditure requirements associated with mining operations. While the rewards can be substantial if commercial quantities of















minerals or gems are found, there can be no assurance that Shore's past or future exploration efforts will be successful, that any production therefrom will be obtained or continued, or that any such production which is attempted will be profitable.

As at May 7, 2013, the Company has determined that the Star – Orion South Diamond Project has established reserves. Current forecasts are based on engineering data, projected future rates of production and the timing of future expenditures, all of which are subject to numerous uncertainties and various interpretations. Reserve estimates may be revised based on the results of future drilling, testing or production levels and changes in mine design. In addition, factors including but not limited to market fluctuations in the price of diamonds, changes in foreign exchange rates or estimated recoverable grade from the Star – Orion South Diamond Project may render the mining of ore reserves uneconomical.

# **Technical Information**

All technical information in this report has been prepared under the supervision of George Read, Senior Vice President of Exploration and Development, Professional Geoscientist in the Provinces of Saskatchewan and British Columbia, who is the Company's "Qualified Person" under the definition of NI 43-101.

# **Caution regarding Forward-looking Statements**

This MD&A contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of certain securities laws, including the "safe harbour" 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 words and expressions of similar import are intended to identify forward-looking statements, and, in particular, statements regarding Shore's future operations, future exploration and development activities or other development plans contain forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements in this MD&A include, but are not limited to, statements related to the Feasibility Study; statements and assumptions made regarding buoyancy in world diamond markets and changes in diamond supply and demand; statements related to the approval of the development of the Star - Orion South Diamond Project; statements relating to future development of the Star - Orion South Diamond Project and associated timelines; availability of project financing; and the use of funds to fund the continuation of the EIA process.

These forward-looking statements are based on Shore'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-looking statements will not be achieved due to a number of factors including, but not limited to, developments in world diamond markets, changes in diamond valuations, risks relating to fluctuations in the Canadian dollar and other currencies relative to the US dollar, changes in exploration, development or mining plans due to exploration results and changing budget priorities of Shore or its contractual partners, the effects of competition in the markets in which Shore operates, the impact of changes in the laws and regulations regulating mining exploration and development, judicial or regulatory judgments and legal proceedings, operational and infrastructure risks and the additional risks described in Shore's most recently filed Annual Information Form, annual and interim MD&A, news releases and technical reports. Shore's anticipation of and success in managing the foregoing risks could cause actual results to differ materially from what is anticipated in such forward-looking statements.















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

# **Additional Information**

Additional information related to the Company, including the latest available Annual Information Form, is available on SEDAR at www.sedar.com

# SHORE GOLD INC. Unaudited Condensed Interim Consolidated Financial Statements

# For the Three Months Ended March 31, 2013

# Notice to Reader

Management has compiled the unaudited condensed interim consolidated financial statements of Shore Gold Inc. for the three months ended March 31, 2013. The Corporation's external auditors have not reviewed these condensed interim consolidated financial statements.

# **Shore Gold Inc.**

# **Condensed Consolidated Statements of Financial Position**

(unaudited)

(Cdn\$ in thousands)	March 31, 2013				cember 31, 2012
Assets					
Current assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	997	\$	1,675	
Short-term investments		6,067		7,065	
Receivables		201		213	
Prepaids		201		63	
		7,466		9,016	
Restricted cash (note 5)		1,807		1,807	
Investment in Wescan Goldfields Inc. (note 6)		52		65	
Property and equipment		2,051		2,173	
	\$	11,376	\$	13,061	
Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity					
Current liabilities:					
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$	208	\$	364	
Current portion of environmental rehabilitation provision		67		67	
		275		431	
Environmental rehabilitation provision		1,368		1,364	
Shareholders' equity:					
Share capital		797,824		797,824	
Contributed surplus		29,801		29,794	
Accumulated deficit		(817,892)		(816,352)	
		9,733		11,266	
	\$	11,376	\$	13,061	

# **Shore Gold Inc.**

# Condensed Consolidated Statements of Loss and Comprehensive Loss (unaudited)

	Three Months Ended March 31,					
(Cdn\$ in thousands, except for share data)	2013		2012			
Revenue						
Interest and other income	\$ 22	\$	43			
Expenses						
Administration	507		1,013			
Consulting and professional fees	79		801			
Corporate development	119		103			
Exploration and evaluation (note 7)	 844		1,757			
	 1,549		3,674			
Loss before the under noted items	(1,527)		(3,631)			
Investment in Wescan Goldfields Inc. (note 6)	 (13)		(130)			
Net loss	(1,540)		(3,761)			
Total other comprehensive loss for the period	-		-			
Total net and comprehensive loss for the period	\$ (1,540)	\$	(3,761)			
Net and comprehensive loss per share						
Basic and diluted	\$ (0.01)	\$	(0.02)			
Weighted average number of shares outstanding (000's)	224,739		224,709			

# **Shore Gold Inc.**

# $\begin{array}{c} \textbf{Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows} \\ \textbf{(unaudited)} \end{array}$

Three Months Ended March 31,

		Water	ch 31,		
(Cdn\$ in thousands)		2013	2012		
Cash provided by (used in):					
Operations:					
Net loss	\$	(1,540)	\$	(3,761)	
Non-cash items:					
Amortization		92		182	
Gain on disposal of property and equipment		(42)		-	
Loss on investment in Wescan Goldfields Inc.		13		130	
Fair value of share-based payments expensed		7		54	
Unwinding of discount for environmental rehabilitation provision		4		6	
Net change in non-cash operating working capital items:					
Receivables		12		16	
Prepaids		(138)		200	
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		(156)		452	
		(1,748)		(2,721)	
Investing:					
Property and equipment		72		(4)	
Short-term investments		998		(58)	
Restricted cash				800	
		1,070		738	
Decrease in cash and cash equivalents		(678)		(1,983)	
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period		1,675		7,209	
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$	997	\$	5,226	
Cash and cash equivalents consists of:					
Cash	\$	300	\$	1,986	
Treasury bills	_	697		3,240	
	\$	997	\$	5,226	

# Shore Gold Inc. Condensed Consolidated Statements of Changes in Equity (unaudited)

(Cdn\$ in thousands)	Three Months Ended March 31, 2013 2012				
Share capital					
Balance, beginning of period Shares issued	\$ 797,824	\$	797,811 <u>-</u>	\$	797,811 13
Balance, end of period	\$ 797,824	\$	797,811	\$	797,824
Contributed surplus					
Balance, beginning of period Share-based payments (note 8) Options exercised Balance, end of period	\$ 29,794 7 - 29,801	\$	29,650 54 - 29,704	\$	29,650 149 (5) 29,794
Accumulated deficit					
Balance, beginning of period Loss for the period Balance, end of period	\$ (816,352) (1,540) (817,892)	\$	(807,034) (3,761) (810,795)	\$	(807,034) (9,318) (816,352)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss					
Balance, beginning of period Other comprehensive loss for the period Balance, end of period	\$ - - -	\$	- - -	\$	- - -
Total equity	\$ 9,733	\$	16,720	\$	11,266

# SHORE GOLD INC.

Notes to the Condensed Interim Consolidated Financial Statements (for the three months ended March 31, 2013) (In thousands of Canadian dollars except as otherwise noted)

#### 1. Corporate Information

Shore Gold Inc. ("Shore" or the "Company") was incorporated under the Canada Business Corporations Act on April 29, 1985 whose shares are publicly traded on the Toronto Stock Exchange. The principal activities of Shore are the exploration, development and production of diamonds.

#### 2. Basis of preparation

The condensed interim consolidated financial statements of Shore for the three months ended March 31, 2013 were authorized for issue by the Company's Audit Committee on May 7, 2013. The condensed interim consolidated financial statements of Shore and all its subsidiaries have been prepared in accordance with International Accounting Standard ("IAS") 34 *Interim Financial Reporting* and do not include all of the information required for full annual financial statements. The Company's financial statements have been prepared on a historical cost basis, except as disclosed, using the Company's functional currency of Canadian dollars.

In preparing these condensed interim consolidated financial statements, the significant judgments made by management applying the Company's accounting policies and the key sources of estimation uncertainty are the same as those disclosed in Note 4 of the Company's consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2012. In particular, the significant areas of estimation uncertainty considered by management in preparing the consolidated financial statements are: reserve and resource estimation, exploration and evaluation expenditures, impairment of exploration and evaluation assets, environmental rehabilitation provisions, recovery of deferred tax assets and share-based payment transactions.

#### 3. Summary of significant accounting policies

The accounting policies applied by the Company in these condensed interim consolidated financial statements are the same as those disclosed in note 3 of the Company's consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2012.

#### 4. IFRS standards, amendments and interpretations

#### (a) IFRS standards, amendments and interpretations issued and effective for January 1, 2013

At the date of authorization of these condensed interim consolidated financial statements, the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB") and the International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee ("IFRIC") have issued new or amended standards and interpretations that are mandatory for 2013 annual periods have not had a material impact on the Company: FRS 10 Consolidated Financial Statements, IFRS 11 Joint Arrangements, IFRS 12 Disclosure of Interests in Other Entities, IFRS 13 Fair Value Measurement, IFRIC 20 Stripping Costs in the Production Phase of a Surface Mine.

# (b) IFRS standards, amendments and interpretations issued but not yet effective

At the date of authorization of these condensed interim consolidated financial statements, the IASB and IFRIC have issued certain new and revised Standards and Interpretations which are not yet effective for the relevant reporting periods. The Company is yet to assess the full impact of the following and intends to adopt the standard no later than the accounting period beginning on January 1, 2015: IFRS 9 *Financial Instruments*.

There are no other IFRSs or IFRIC interpretations that are not yet effective that would be expected to have a material impact on the Company.

#### 5. Restricted Cash

The Company has pledged \$1,807 thousand (December 31, 2012 – \$1,807 thousand) in short-term investments as security for letters of credit provided, of which the majority are related to the provision for decommissioning and rehabilitation. These short-term investments are recorded as restricted cash.

	March 31,	December 31,
	2013	2012
Environmental rehabilitation	\$ 1,677	\$ 1,677
Other	130	130
Total	\$ 1,807	\$ 1,807

#### 6. Investment in Wescan Goldfields Inc.

At March 31, 2013, Shore held 1,295,550 (December 31, 2012 – 1,295,550) shares of Wescan Goldfields Inc. ("Wescan"), a publicly traded company on the TSX Venture exchange. The Company accounts for its 6.6% (December 31, 2012 – 6.6%) investment in Wescan as an available-for-sale financial asset as described in note 3 of the Company's consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2012. The fair value based on the closing trading price of the common shares of Wescan at March 31, 2013 was \$52 thousand (December 31, 2012 – \$65 thousand). As a result, for the quarter ended March 31, 2013 the Company recognized a \$13 thousand decrease (March 31, 2012 – \$130 thousand decrease) in the carrying value of its investment in Wescan. At December 31, 2012, the Company assessed that there was objective evidence that this investment was impaired. As the Company's impairment assessment at March 31, 2013 has not changed, the change in fair value during the quarter ended March 31, 2013 was recognized in the consolidated statement of loss as an unrealized loss instead of other comprehensive loss.

#### 7. Exploration and evaluation expense

The Company's exploration and evaluation expense for the three months ended March 31, 2013 is comprised of the following:

	March 31,	March 31,
	2013	2012
Fort à la Corne properties		
Acquisition and staking	\$ -	\$ -
Amortization of tangible assets	68	142
Exploration and evaluation	762	1,576
Share-based payments	4	38
Buffalo Hills property		
Exploration and evaluation	10	1
Total	\$ 844	\$ 1,757

#### 8. Share-based payments

The Company has established a share option plan whereby options may be granted to directors, officers, employees and service providers to purchase common shares of the Company. Options granted have an exercise price of not less than the closing price quoted on the Toronto Stock Exchange for the common shares of Shore on the trading day prior to the date on which the option is granted. Certain options vest immediately while others vest six to twelve months after grant date and all options granted under the plan expire 5 years from the date of the grant of the options. All options are to be settled by physical delivery of shares.

The expense related to the Company's share-based payments as a result of certain options vesting over the period is recognized in the comprehensive statement of loss for the three months ended March 31, as presented as follows:

	March 31,	March 31,
Expense Category included	2013	2012
Administration	\$ 2	\$ 11
Consulting and professional	=	-
Corporate development	1	5
Exploration and evaluation	4	38
Total	\$ 7	\$ 54

Option movements (in thousands) during the three months ended March 31, including weighted average exercise prices are as follows:

	2013		2012	
		Average		Average
	Options	Price	Options	Price
Outstanding – January 1	8,625	\$ 0.96	11,560	\$ 1.68
Granted	=	-	-	-
Exercised	-	-	-	-
Expired	(1,700)	2.29	(1,095)	6.18
Forfeited	-	-	-	-
Outstanding – March 31	6,925	\$ 0.64	10,465	\$ 1.21
Exercisable – March 31	6,765	\$ 0.65	10,233	\$ 1.22

The options outstanding at March 31, 2013 have an exercise price in the range of \$0.24 to \$3.40 (2012 – \$0.27 to \$5.90) and a weighted average contractual life of 2.0 years (2012 – 2.0 years). The options expire between the dates of May 2013 to October 2017.

#### 9. Related party transactions

#### Related party transactions with key management personnel

The Company pays certain of its key management personnel through companies owned by certain executive officers and directors. Those companies are as follows:

MacNeill Brothers Oil and Gas Ltd. George Read Consulting Inc.

Compensation of key management personnel and directors, including payments made or payable to related parties owned by executive officers and directors, is as follows:

	Marc	h 31,	Marc	h 31,
		2013		2012
Short-term benefits to key management and directors	\$	55	\$	77
Consulting and management fees to related companies		171		243
Termination benefits		-		601
Total compensation paid to key management personnel and directors	\$	226	\$	921

The amounts disclosed in the table are the amounts recognized as an expense during the reporting period related to key management personnel and directors. The above transactions were in the normal course of operations and are measured at the exchange amount, which is the amount of consideration established and agreed to by the related parties. The fair value of share-based payments was determined using the Black-Scholes model.

The compensation paid or payable to key management personnel and directors are included in the Company's statement of comprehensive loss as follows:

	March 31,	March 31,
	2013	2012
Administration	\$ 162	\$ 185
Consulting and professional fees	64	736
Total compensation paid to key management personnel and directors	\$ 226	\$ 921

#### 10. Financial instruments

Fair values have been determined for measurement and/or disclosure purposes based on the fair value hierarchy for financial instruments that require fair value measurement after initial recognition. The classification of each financial instrument is described in note 3 of the Company's consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2012.

The carrying amounts for cash and cash equivalents, short-term investments, receivables, restricted cash and trade payables approximate their fair value due to the short-term nature of these instruments. These financial instruments are carried at amortized costs.

All financial instruments measured at fair value are categorized into one of three hierarchy levels as described in note 21 of the Company's consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2012. These financial instruments include the Company's investment in Wescan. The fair value of the Company's investment in Wescan is based on quoted prices in active markets (level 1). A 10 percent decrease in the market price of Wescan would result in a \$5 thousand decrease in fair value.

#### Risk management

Certain financial instruments are exposed to the following financial risks:

#### (a) Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk of an unexpected loss by the Company if a customer or third-party to a financial instrument fails to meet its contractual obligations. The Company considers this risk to be insignificant as the majority of the Company's cash and cash equivalents, short-term investments, and restricted cash are invested in Government of Canada treasury bills which are backed by the Government of Canada. At March 31, 2013, the Company's credit risk relates to its cash and cash equivalents, short-term investments, and restricted cash of \$7.1 million (December 31, 2012 – \$10.5 million).

#### (b) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company will not be able to meet its financial obligations as they fall due. The Company's approach is to forecast future cash flows to ensure that it will have sufficient liquidity to meet its obligations when due. To ensure the Company has sufficient cash on hand, the Company prepares annual capital and operating budgets which are regularly monitored and updated as considered necessary. As at March 31, 2013, the Company had working capital of \$7.2 million, excluding restricted cash. Management believes this working capital will be sufficient to meet financial obligations as they fall due.

As at March 31, 2013, the Company had guaranteed certain liabilities by issuing \$1.8 million (December 31, 2012 – \$1.8 million) of irrevocable standby letters of credit. The Company backs the letters of credit with investments which have been recorded on the financial statements as restricted cash (note 6). The Company does not include restricted cash in its working capital when analyzing its liquidity requirements. The majority of the guarantees at March 31, 2013 relate to environmental rehabilitation provisions.

The Company is pursuing options to finance the further exploration and development of the Star – Orion South project as it currently does not have sufficient funds to put any of its property interests into production from its own financial resources. Financing options include joint ventures arrangements, debt financing, equity financing or other means. The Company believes it has sufficient liquidity to continue operations until financing is arranged. However, there is no assurance that Shore will be successful in obtaining required financing as and when needed. Failure to obtain additional financing on a timely basis may cause the Company to postpone development plans, forfeit rights in its properties or reduce or terminate its operations.

#### (c) Market risk

Market risk is the risk that the fair value of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices. Market risks are comprised of four types: foreign currency risk, interest rate risk, commodity price risk and equity price risk. As at March 31, 2013, the Company does not have significant exposure to any of these market risks.

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# **Exchange Listing**

TSX

224,739,242 common shares issued and outstanding as at May 7, 2013

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