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**STAR DIAMOND CORPORATION ANNOUNCES SECOND QUARTER 2023 RESULTS**

**Star Diamond Corporation** (“Star Diamond” or the “Company”) reports that the unaudited financial results for the quarter ended June 30, 2023, will be filed today on SEDAR+ and may be viewed at [www.sedarplus.ca](http://www.sedarplus.ca) once posted.

**Overview**

Star Diamond Corporation is a Canadian natural resource company focused on exploring and developing Saskatchewan's diamond resources. Star Diamond currently holds, through a joint venture arrangement with Rio Tinto Exploration Canada Inc. (“Rio Tinto Canada”), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Rio Tinto plc, a 25% interest in certain mineral properties (which includes the Star – Orion South Diamond Project, or the “Project”) within the Fort à la Corne diamond district of central Saskatchewan, Canada. These properties are in close proximity to established infrastructure, including paved highways and the electrical power grid, which provide significant advantages for future mine development.

The Company also holds a 50% interest in the exploration and evaluation properties and assets of the Buffalo Hills-JV located in north-central Alberta, Canada. Canterra Minerals Corporation (“Canterra”) holds the remaining 50% interest. Canterra is the operator of the Buffalo Hills-JV.

**Fort à la Corne mineral properties**

On June 28, 2022, Rio Tinto Canada exercised its voting power at a meeting of the Fort à la Corne joint venture management committee to place the Project on care and maintenance through December 31, 2022. Rio Tinto Canada also advised that, subject to fulfilling its existing obligations, it did not intend to commit additional capital to the Fort à la Corne properties during 2022 beyond what was necessary for care and maintenance. Rio Tinto Canada also advised Star Diamond that it intended to conduct a near-term review of its alternatives regarding the Fort à la Corne properties, which included its potential exit. On October 21, 2022, Star Diamond announced that Rio Tinto Canada had stated that it intended to fully de-mobilize the leased on-site camp. During the first quarter, the personnel camp was fully de-mobilized and the Project was placed on care and maintenance.

**Recent activities relating to the Star - Orion South Diamond Project and Fort à la Corne mineral properties**

During the quarter ended June 30, 2023, the Company continued negotiations with Rio Tinto Canada to assess alternatives regarding the Project.

**Quarterly Results**

For the three months ended June 30, 2023, the Company recorded a net loss of \$0.9 million, or \$0.00 per share (basic and fully diluted), compared to a net loss of \$0.7 million, or \$0.00 per share, for the comparative period in 2022. This greater net loss was due to a \$0.3 million non-cash loss on the fair value re-measurement of the Company's investment in Wescan Goldfields Inc. offset by a 20% reduction in expenditures.

**Year to Date Results**

For the six months ended June 30, 2023, the Company recorded a net loss of \$1.2 million, or \$0.00 per share, compared to a net loss of \$1.5 million, or \$0.00 per share, for the same period in 2022. This 20% decrease, period over period, was due to lower administrative and exploration and evaluation expenditures incurred, offset by higher consulting and professional fees and corporate development costs.

At June 30, 2023 the Company had \$1.0 million (December 31, 2022 – \$2.6 million) in cash and cash equivalents and working capital of \$0.7 million (December 31, 2022 - \$2.0 million). The decrease in working capital was the result of general and administrative, and exploration and evaluation expenditures incurred during the quarter. The Company

believes it has sufficient liquidity to fund general and administrative costs and certain exploration expenditures through to the end of 2023.

**Selected financial highlights include:**

	As at June 30, 2023	As at December 31, 2022
<b>Condensed Consolidated Statements of Financial Position</b>		
Current assets	\$ 1.2 M	\$ 2.7 M
Investments and other assets	0.6 M	0.4 M
Current liabilities	0.5 M	0.7 M
Non-current liabilities	0.2 M	- M
Shareholders' equity	1.1 M	2.4 M

	Three Months Ended June 30, 2023	Three Months Ended June 30, 2022	Six Months Ended June 30, 2023	Six Months Ended June 30, 2022
<b>Condensed Consolidated Statements of Loss</b>				
Interest and other income	\$ - M	\$ - M	\$ - M	\$ - M
Expenses	0.6 M	0.7 M	1.2 M	1.4 M
Loss before undernoted items	0.6 M	0.7 M	1.2 M	1.4 M
Investment in Wescan Goldfields Inc. and other items	(0.3) M	0.0 M	- M	(0.1) M
Net loss for the period	0.9 M	0.7 M	1.2 M	1.5M
Net loss per share for the period (basic and diluted)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

	Quarter Ended June 30, 2023	Quarter Ended June 30, 2022
<b>Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows</b>		
Cash flows used in operating activities	\$ (1.5) M	\$ (4.0)M
Cash flows from financing activities	(0.1) M	5.7 M
Net increase (decrease) in cash	(1.6) M	1.7 M
Cash – beginning of period	2.6 M	1.3 M
Cash – end of period	1.0 M	3.0 M

**Outlook**

**Fort à la Corne mineral properties**

Star Diamond continues to work with Rio Tinto Canada in assessing alternatives regarding the Project. These discussions remain ongoing and there is no certainty that any agreement will be reached between Star Diamond and Rio Tinto Canada regarding any such potential arrangements. Management believes that the negotiated return of the Project on reasonable terms is critical to its long-term success.

**Buffalo Hills mineral properties**

Management continues to review the recent results from the diamond valuation and typing analysis. Discussions are ongoing with Canterra to determine possible future work programs and a potential strategic path forward for the property. A more detailed update on activities at the Buffalo Hills-JV will be provided as it becomes available.

**About Star Diamond Corporation**

Star Diamond Corporation is a Canadian based corporation engaged in the acquisition, exploration and development of mineral properties. Shares of Star Diamond trade on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the trading symbol “DIAM”. Star Diamond holds, through a joint venture arrangement with Rio Tinto Canada, a 25% interest in certain Fort à la Corne kimberlites (including the Star – Orion South Diamond Project). These properties are located in central Saskatchewan, in close proximity to established infrastructure, including paved highways and the electrical power grid, which provide significant advantages for future mine development. The Company also holds a 50% interest in the exploration and evaluation properties and assets of the Buffalo Hills-JV located in north-central Alberta, Canada. Canterra Minerals Corporation (“Canterra”) holds the remaining 50% interest. Canterra is the operator of the Buffalo Hills-JV.

## **Technical Information**

All technical information in this press release has been prepared under the supervision of George Read, Senior Vice President Corporate Development, Professional Geoscientist in the Provinces of Saskatchewan and British Columbia and Mark Shimell, Vice President Exploration, Professional Geoscientist in the Province of Saskatchewan and Alberta, who are the Company's "Qualified Persons" under the definition of NI 43-101.

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Forward-looking statements in this news release are made as of the date hereof and Star Diamond assumes no obligation to update any forward-looking statements, except as required by applicable laws.