



STAR-ORION SOUTH DIAMOND PROJECT  
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

## APPENDIX 4-F

### Public, Community and Stakeholder Comments, Questions and Responses

**Table 4 – F, Public, Community and Stakeholder Comments, Questions and Shore Responses – By Topic Category**

<b>Event Date</b>	<b>Event Type</b>	<b>Stakeholder<sup>i</sup></b>	<b>Topic Category</b>	<b>Comments</b>	<b>Response</b>	<b>EIS Section where comment is addressed</b>
12-Jan-10	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Aboriginal Engagement	Concerned about Respect duty to consult Métis and First Nations	Proposed agreements with First nations and Métis on TK collection have been discussed. We have recently had a series of positive meetings	4.4
Feb-09	Open House Comment	Participant	Aboriginal Engagement	Do you have arrangements with Aboriginal people in the area? Do Aboriginal people have a role in the project?	Shore has entered into several agreements with various First Nations and Métis Regions in the area, as are detailed in Section 4.4 of this EIS. It is the goal of Shore to include Aboriginal people in the area as employees and also to seek business relationships on commercially reasonable terms.	4.4
14-Jun-10	Open House Comment	Participant	Aboriginal Engagement	Will Aboriginal issues (particularly with James Smith) prevent mining?	Shore anticipates positive and cooperative relationships with all Aboriginal parties as we endeavour to move forward with environmental approval, consideration of production decision, construction and production.	4.4
24-Jun-10	Open House Comment	Participant	Aboriginal Engagement	Is there an agreement with James Smith Cree Nation?	An Information Gathering Agreement was entered into between Shore and the three bands of James Smith Cree Nation in August, 2010. We look forward to further and other positive developments in this relationship.	4.4
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Aboriginal Engagement	Representatives of James Smith Cree Nation (JSCN) stated that they were attending as observers only and wished to have the presenters bring the workshop to their community.	It was acknowledged that the workshop did not constitute consultation by the Crown and indicated that the presenters could bring the workshop to the community on request. (Certain maps and representations at the workshop were provided to consultant as per request.)	n/a
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Aboriginal Engagement	Will you be consulting with the JSCN about their proposed dam and the results of the dam on this project?	It is our understanding that the proposal for the dam project has not yet been filed with government agencies. We don't have enough information about the dam to include details in the cumulative effects assessment, except to discuss potential effects in a qualitative or very general way. We want to work with JSCN, their partners and SaskPower to try to agree to use power generated from a dam should it proceed, if this is helpful to their project so the end result could be mutually beneficial.	n/a
15-Jan-08	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Aboriginal Interests	Will the Muskoday Land Settlement Announcement affect Shore Gold?	No, the price would be fair market value and also needed would be a willing seller and a willing buyer and the consent of affected third party interests	n/a
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Access – Effects on Land Uses	It was asked if there would be a difference in use of the FalC (i.e., hunting) with a paved access road versus the unpaved access provided now. Participants generally felt there would not be much difference since if people want to go to FalC they are able and hunting is usually conducted off the side trails from Shipman Trail or Division Road.	While any development will have some impact on hunting, Shore would agree that, generally speaking, hunting activities would not be greatly impeded in the forest as a whole, beyond the small percentage of the forest that would comprise the site of mining.	6.4
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Access – Effects on Land Uses	Some participants felt that fishing will not be impacted by the new access road.	Shore does not believe that fishing would be impacted by the new access road.	6.4
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Access – Effects on Land Uses	It was stated by the representatives of the JSCN that its views on hunting, trapping and fishing are different than those shared at the session. These perspectives would need to be discussed with JSCN in a separate forum.	Consultation activities planned for the Crown and First Nations including JSCN will provide an opportunity for JSCN to present its views on hunting, trapping and fishing.	6.4.2

26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Access – Effects on Land Uses	When participants were asked if there could be any effects to use of the FalC by naturalists as a result of the project, it was stated by a community representative that birdwatchers are older people who do not want to travel far from their communities to bird watch. There are many other areas in the region to bird watch and enjoy wildlife. It was stated that those who use FalC live close to FalC or have used it traditionally. It is not a draw for use in the broader region as other areas for recreational use exist closer to other communities.	Shore envisions that, while any development will have impacts, the project site would occupy less than 4% of the forest, and that present activities would continue to be enjoyed in the forest.	6.4.3
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Access – Effects on Land Uses	Participants stated that it should be recognized that environmental change can create new habitat (and related land uses). Wildlife will move, not die out. Participants felt that hunting will continue.	Shore would agree with these observations.	6.4
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Access – Effects on Land Uses	Concerns expressed over what impact the increased number of people will have in the forest, particularly the 700 person construction camp. What would all these people do when not working?	We anticipate that any people at a construction camp would be well-paid skilled workers working long hours while at camp and occupied eating and resting at other times. Proper conduct would be a requirement of camp life, and we would not anticipate behavior disruptive to the community.	6.4
21-Oct-08	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Air Quality	Air monitoring is behind in schedule compared to the other studies how does it affect everything?	The air quality is good in the FalC area, bad air quality results would require more lengthy analysis, analysis of the good air quality results is possible in a shorter timeframe at this point and timelines should not be impaired by this.	5.2.4
Feb-09	Open House Comment	Participant	Air Quality	Will there be air pollution? How will you control dust?	The main impact would be dust. The main access road would be paved, and other roads at site sprayed when appropriate to keep dust down.	6.2.2
14-Jun-10	Open House Comment	Participant	Air Quality	When will air quality information be publicly available?	Air quality effects from the project will be made public in the EIS.	5.2.4
14-Jun-10	Open House Comment	Participant	Air Quality	Is Shore Gold going to monitor sulfur in the air?	Yes.	5.2.4
14-Jun-10	Open House Comment	Participant	Air Quality	What are the fugitive emissions from the processing plant?	Information on air emissions is available in this EIS.	6.2.2
15-Jun-10	Open House Comment	Participant	Air Quality	How much pollution are you putting into the atmosphere with your machines, or do you have high efficiency machines?	With respect to the question of the amount of pollution that would be put into the atmosphere, we feel this would be quite minimal. Most of the big machines would be powered by electricity, and would not be producing emissions from fossil fuels. There would be some diesel trucks in the mining phase, but these would be a fairly small addition to a number of diesel vehicles operating in the region, and would not really have a significant impact. The biggest impact would probably be dust from mining activities, but this would settle in the area. In short, air pollution would not be a major concern.	6.2.2
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Air Quality	Will the pollutant emissions to air (projected Green House Gases) be projected annually during operations?	Yes, this is an important part of the EIS. We do not have this information right now but the difference between the Star-Orion South project and other mining projects is that our power would be sourced from the electrical grid rather than from diesel power generators and therefore would have relatively fewer emissions. Sources of emission from the project would primarily be diesel trucks and other equipment. The project would require 2 diesel B-train trucks of fuel weekly throughout the operations phase. We would report pollutant releases to the National Pollutant Release Inventory (NPRI).	6.2.2

26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Air Quality	Concern was expressed about the effects on air quality from the increase in traffic.	It was stated that air quality will be addressed in the EIS.	6.2.2
25-Jun-08	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Engagement	Will the technical report be available?	Shawn Harvey made a presentation on resource estimate. It will be available on SEDAR www.sedar.com	n/a
21-Oct-08	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Engagement	What time of day will the proposed open houses be held?	Julia Ewing provided open house community engagement plan 1. We are thinking of late afternoon to early evening so everyone will have a chance to view the displays.	4.3.2
21-Oct-08	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Engagement	Will they be come and go or more formal?	Will be a come and go format. Noted come and go format will work quite well for everyone as we might not hear from the silent majority in a formal setting. The open house format gives everyone a chance to have input.	4.3.2
21-Oct-08	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Engagement	DDAC members provided suggestions for advertising in local newspapers and other media.	Great suggestions, radio spots, newsletters, and posters we are open to and will work to follow the suggestions.	4.3.2
21-Oct-08	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Engagement	What dates were you thinking for these open houses?	Julia Ewing dates are unknown at this time, would like to hold them in conjunction with the trade shows.	4.3.2
Feb -09	Open House Comment	Participant	Engagement	Displays were interesting informative. Is there a spokesperson who is willing to come into a school and give a presentation on diamond mining?	E-mailed response: Yes	4.3.2
Feb -09	Open House Comment	Participant	Engagement	Students are always interested in touring actual mining sites - when will it be possible for students to tour Fort a la Corne diamond site?	Not at the moment, as in "care and maintenance" mode.	4.3.7
23-Jan-09	E-Mail	RM of Birch Hills No. 460,	Engagement	Question about tax treatment of \$200 DDAC expense payment.	Suggested that the assumption that \$200 is a reimbursement of expenses for income tax purposes is accurate.	n/a
03 Feb-09	(submitted on Open House Comment form)	Participant	Engagement	I appreciate the information provided at the open house in Nipawin Feb3, 2008. I/we look forward to hearing of positive decision for the future of the diamond mining development and for Saskatchewan.	Noted.	n/a
4-Feb-09	Open House Comment (submitted on Open House Comment form)	Participant	Engagement	"Well done!" You have many knowledgeable enthusiastic people representing you today. Do you have a Prince Albert office?	E-mail response: We do not have a Prince Albert office at this time.	n/a
4-Feb-09	Open House Comment (submitted on Open House Comment form)	Participant	Engagement	Do you send speakers to visit Adult Basic Ed classes in the PA area?	E-mail response: We would send speakers to visit Adult Basic Ed classes in the PA area if requested to do so and if such could be conveniently arranged.	4.3.9
4-Feb-09	Open House Comment (submitted on Open House Comment form)	Participant	Engagement	Do you offer tours to interested groups?	E-mail response: Although we have offered tours to interested groups in the past, we will not be offering tours for the time being because our exploration and plant activities are being wound down as we move from exploration to desktop analysis. There would not be much of interest to tour under those circumstances. Of course, as and when operations commence, tours would be appropriate. We would anticipate that, in the event of mining, it would be necessary to set up some kind of interpretive center where the public could view activities and receive detailed information.	4.3.7
5-Feb-09	Open House Comment	RM of Prince Albert No. 461/SIAS, DDAC	Engagement	Comments received: good information, knowledgeable, down to earth experts, great venue, great attendance, overall - very positive.	Noted.	n/a
24-Mar-09	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Engagement	The question of whether or not the DDAC would/should be formally involved in the EIA process was posed...should the group put in a	The matter will be brought up with the chair and /or tabled for the next meeting. The Province will be	4.3.1

				formal submission?	seeking public input into the Project Specific Guidelines in the near future, so it may be appropriate for the DDAC to provide input at that time.	
12-Jan-10	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Engagement	Would it be valid to ask participants of the open house what they think ...what they would like to see for end use...a ski hill, etc.?	We will ask for comments from participants at the open house on what we have proposed.	4.3.2
12-Jan-10	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Engagement	What will be included in the next open houses?	We will answer questions we heard from people at the first set of open houses, the project footprint, confirmation of the detailed plans for mine and processing plant, the visual assessment, the draft EIS (information about wildlife studies, etc.) so the public can comment	4.3.2
Feb-09	Open House Comment	Participant	Engagement	Why are there no sample diamonds here at the Open House?	Security reasons. It should be noted that until Shore has a Mineral Lease from the provincial government, any diamonds produced from the site are the property of the provincial Crown, and are used by Shore only as permitted by the Crown.	n/a
2 Feb 09	Open House Comment via e-mail	Participant	Engagement	I think this information session was pretty good. I learned more than what I was hearing. Very understanding"	Noted.	4.3.2
12 Jan -10	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Engagement	Will you be holding more open houses?	We do plan to return to do another round of open houses late this year or early in 2010. The dates have not yet been determined, but, when determined, we will again advertise in the local newspapers. (Done in June 2010.)	4.3.2
21-Jun-10	Open House Comment	Participant	Engagement	I attended the Shore Gold meeting in Nipawin between 5Pm - 5:30PM. I was only able to talk with one representative about his charts which probably would be more meaningful to a surveyor than myself. Maybe each representative could have spoke for 5 minutes at a sit-down session at pre-determined time. I would have like to discuss geology with the geologist but was unable to.	I'm sorry that you were not able to have as long a discussion with a geologist as you would have liked during the time you were there, but I would like you to know that, should you have any questions, you can certainly forward them and I will attempt to obtain answers or further information from the geologists and forward it to you.	4.3.2
24-Jun-10	Open House Comment	Participant	Engagement	Very friendly and informative Shore Gold personnel. Good display/informative. Professional and courteous environment	Thanks also for filling out the comment form, and for the kind and positive comments about our personnel, display and the general environment. We appreciate your interest in our project.	4.3.2
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Engagement	When asked if the DDAC should continue to be used to discuss regional issues related to the project, it was stated that the DDAC has been very helpful in bringing people together and should continue in the future to ensure all municipalities have information about the project.	Noted.	n/a
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment forms	Participant	Engagement	Summary of 16 evaluation forms comments filled in anonymously by workshop participants  What did you like most about the workshop? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• socio economics + water issues;</li> <li>• Well laid out and presented</li> <li>• Wide variety of attendees</li> <li>• Good overview of what's happened and will happen at Shore Gold</li> </ul>	Noted.	n/a

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• excellent venue;</li> <li>• The group interaction presentation of material</li> <li>• Ability to comment and hear comments from others.</li> <li>• The vast concerns being expressed and Shore Gold's willingness to listen.</li> <li>• Well organized;</li> <li>• Shore Gold was very approachable and open about their project. Well done!</li> <li>• Transparent regarding potential impacts (e.g., drawdown of wells #61664; comp)</li> <li>• Very open and informative</li> <li>• Well rounded group</li> <li>• Very interesting and informative Displays.</li> <li>• Presenters were well spoken and knowledgeable</li> <li>• Very informative session.</li> </ul>		6.2.4
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment forms	Participant	Engagement	<p>What did you like least about the workshop?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First snow fall of the year</li> <li>• Workbooks pictures + graphs are non legible</li> <li>• The maps presented on the PowerPoint</li> <li>• A lot is based on modeling, not enough info of where data comes from.</li> <li>• Would have been nice to have more detailed info available for review prior to workshop</li> <li>• Weather.</li> <li>• Did not seem to receive an invite to the site visit.</li> <li>• No bottled drinks only coffee</li> <li>• At times in plenary sessions there was sound interference between groups.</li> </ul>	Noted.	4.3 n/a
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment forms	Participant	Engagement	<p>Do you have any comments about the Star-Orion South Project overall?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can't happen soon enough</li> <li>• Look forward to further details on mining operations</li> <li>• Good for the province, area, local economies</li> <li>• Lets roll</li> <li>• Feel there are some gaps still to address; would like to see more detail on all aspects of the project than required by Fed and provincial regulations.... this way most if not all concerns should be addressed.</li> <li>• Be sure to mitigate environmental impacts to highest standard possible</li> <li>• Wetland protection, compensation important to consider; need good inventory</li> <li>• The EIS should be able to answer many of my questions.</li> <li>• Aboriginal involvement in studies (fish, veg, game, reclaim etc)? for HHRA.</li> <li>• My community is waiting for positive development Hope it happens as soon as possible</li> <li>• Handled the water concerns and I think all will go well.</li> </ul>	Noted.	4.3 n/a  1.0  7.4  7.4  6.4.2
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment forms	Participant	Engagement	<p>Other comments, interests or suggestions?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not a lot of highly negative viewpoints</li> <li>• Keep your ears open the public wants to be heard + problems addressed!</li> <li>• The nametags should not have names. . . Rather who or</li> </ul>	Noted.	

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>what dept./organization represented</li> <li>• Thanks for the invitation to participate in this process.</li> <li>• Thank you for the opportunity to attend</li> <li>• Suggest a mitigation approach as follows: avoid first, then minimize, then compensate (when impacts cant be avoided or minimized); reclamation is important.</li> <li>• Make available to public the work you have done so far regarding the environment (air, water, wildlife, plants)</li> <li>• Make Power Point graphics larger they were hard to see on screen and read on handouts</li> <li>• The number 1 problem with EISs is poor or no identification of human receptors (residents, schools, hospitals, daycares eg) that may be impacted by noise, dust, water, etc</li> <li>• Do a good job here.</li> <li>• Thank you for the workshop</li> </ul>		7.0 5.2 , 5.3  5.4
Jun -10	Open House Comment	Participant	Contracting and Procurement	Will you purchase locally?	Yes, whenever possible and commercially feasible this has been the policy of Shore so far, and will continue.	6.4.1
Jun -10	Open House Comment	Participant	Contracting and Procurement	Will there be a caterer on site?	Likely during construction, not necessarily during production, when workers would have homes in the area and could bring their own meals.	3.0
15-Jan-08	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Contracting and Procurement	Who do the geologists at site work for?	Shore employs site geologists. Independent geologists are also hired to audit site work. They have a contract with Shore Gold. They are qualified geologists professional. Overseen by professional associations and the Government of Saskatchewan.	n/a
5 Feb -09	Open House Comment via e-mail	Participant	Contracting and Procurement	All enterprising companies are primarily driven by profit. And expenses are driven by economics. Services supplied could be usually available other than local. Prince Albert traditionally has been by passed as a supply center. To enable Prince Albert to be a supply centre I suggest you advertise to the public, a list of supply services required, so we can provide these services. We can and will be able to provide most of these services. If we can provide housing and education to your employees, we can supply much more. I am positioned with a supply of 400 acres as well as a 30 acre subdivision near completion adjacent to city boundaries. This can be a bountiful supply of housing.	We believe that many services can be accessed locally, and will be communicating with suppliers in the community. We believe that housing will be accessed in the surrounding communities as required.	6.4.1
Jun-10	Open House Comment	Participant	Contracting and Procurement	Many questions about third party business opportunities as people are interested in the opportunities and seem keen to be prepared to supply whatever products and services are required.	We believe that many services can be accessed locally, and will be communicating with suppliers in the community. We believe that housing will be accessed in the surrounding communities as required.	6.4.1
Jun-10	Open House Comment	Participant	Contracting and Procurement	What will be the opportunities for small local businesses?	We believe that many services can be accessed locally, and will be communicating with suppliers in the community. We believe that housing will be accessed in the surrounding communities as required.	6.4.1
Jun-10	Open House Comment	Participant	Corporate	Is there a relationship between Shore and the diamond cutting school in Prince Albert?	No, they are separate operations pursuing different functions in the diamond industry.	n/a
Jun-10	Open House Comment	Participant	Corporate	Who will you sell the diamonds to?	Diamonds are sold in the world market to the highest bidder.	n/a
30-Jan-07	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Corporate	Will there be any aggregate available to the communities?	Yes, we would anticipate that government policy would allow segregated aggregate to be made available to municipalities.	6.4.1
20-Nov-07	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Corporate	Could Star happen before Orion South estimate completed?	Star could proceed with Orion South still in prefeasibility	2.0
20-Nov-07	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Corporate	Processed kimberlite quality for use as gravel?	Shore has not investigated the potential uses of processed kimberlite as gravel. May be a good	2.0

					community initiative to investigate.	
20-Nov-07	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Corporate	Amount of gravel?	Amount at Star will be determined, may be included as a resource in the resource estimate.	2.0
20-Nov-07	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Corporate	Has kimberlite been tested as aggregate for use in concrete?	No. Shore would be in favour of a community based initiative examining this	n/a
15-Jan-08	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Corporate	Why focus in new areas instead of project?	Drilling core holes are not costly but the cost benefit can be great identify if a site is diamond bearing, give up 5 year leases or keep if needed, future exploration is prioritized, the mother load may be in another location.	n/a
15-Jan-08	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Corporate	How much money does Shore Gold have on hand?	Shore has enough money to pay for drilling. 18 months of operation will take us to mid-2009.	n/a
15-Jan-08	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Corporate	What happens in 2009?	Investment community to raise future money.	n/a
15-Jan-08	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Corporate	Smooth transition from NDP to new government?	Yes, smooth transition. Policy of mining friendly does not change policies between governments. There are competent individuals in this department.	n/a
15-Jan-08	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Corporate	What does Shore Gold do with diamonds?	Property of Crown permission required to cut and polish stones. Once Shore Gold has received a mining license and paid royalties then the diamonds would be Shore Gold.	2.0
15-Jan-08	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Corporate	Announcement from Muskoday Diamond Cutting Facility?	Shore Gold not involved with this; we are still an exploration company.	n/a
18-Mar-08	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Corporate	Possible uses of kimberlite?	Poor strength aggregate, susceptible to weathering. Fines show a possibility of being used as a soil amendment. More studies need to be done	2.0
18-Mar-08	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Corporate	What about the gravel?	Gravel overburden on top of the Kimberlite is of good quality and substantial quantity. This gravel will belong to the Crown and hence require a license to remove and dispose of gravel Rural Municipalities will definitely be interested in sourcing this product. Transportation costs will always be an issue	2.0
25-Jun-08	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Corporate	Why is the market reacting in an apparent negative fashion (i.e. why is the stock dropping)?	Combination of things Eric Cline indicated that although the resource estimate indicated that there was a reasonable prospect for mining, it seems that the market was disappointed that the indicated tones was not at a higher number.	n/a
25-Jun-08	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Corporate	Entire resource estimate of 275 million viable tones how is that arrived at? Do you keep digging or do you do additional testing? What type of data do you need?	Do work before you start mining large diameter drilling for example or wait until you start mining and then put some through the processing plant. Still have to do 43-101. Critical is the recovery of diamonds: Take underground bulk sample from that area use large diameter drilling for resource	2.0
25-Jun-08	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Corporate	There is a rumor that a 200 carat diamond has been found; any comment?	Not to my knowledge. If there was, it would have been press released.	n/a
25-Jun-08	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Corporate	Would you be interested in cooperating with the James Smith Cree nation if they had a hydroelectric facility?	Hydroelectric project would be exciting would take a lot of fill, which we would have overburden could help to fill	n/a
21-Oct-08	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Corporate	Can kimberlite be recycled?	There is a lot of work in Northwest Territories on reclamation material. Shore is considering funding a research trial to see if fine processed kimberlite can be used as a soil amendment for agriculture. Much more research required to answer that. Kimberlite is not a strong rock so it may be used for temporary gravel cover	2.0
21-Oct-08	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Corporate	\$100 million funds in last years budget how much is left?	Our budget for 2008 was \$108 million funds are available to meet the planned program. The budget for	n/a



					2009 has not been approved as of yet	
21-Oct-08	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Corporate	Do you see a problem in raising capital?	Raising capital is not a problem for Shore Gold in particular. Talk in the financial press about hesitancy by lenders applies to business generally, but we know of no specific problems related to Shore.	n/a
21-Oct-08	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Corporate	Does Shore Gold have a "poison pill" to block takeovers?	Shore Gold has a Shareholders Rights Agreement in place. The board of directors can take steps to obtain best results for the shareholders. The board of directors can also assess other options. This is all public knowledge.	n/a
21-Oct-08	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Corporate	Town of Tisdale/Chamber of Commerce meeting with Shore Gold and 49 North were you there to give advice?	The Town of Tisdale invited us there to speak about where Shore Gold was at in terms of its plans. 49 North (Tom MacNeill) was there to talk about resources in general in Saskatchewan, and to discuss investment opportunities for Saskatchewan people. Different roles at the meeting	n/a
9-Dec-08	Meeting at site	Participant	Corporate	How are you going to finance, get the money to build a mine?  Is Newmont on site?	We will go to the capital markets and debt financing ...need to raise between \$700,000M to \$1.4 billion to build the mine  Shore is the operator so Newmont is not on site.	n/a
20-Jan-09	Meeting	DDAC	Corporate	Relationship with Newmont?	Newmont made the decision in mid-December that they were not going to pay their 40% share of the 60/40 joint venture for 2009. Like Shore, Newmont has decided to conserve their cash, and has chosen to not take part in numerous projects they were involved in. Legally, this is not a breach of agreement, and Newmont continues to have a future with Shore.	2.0
2-Feb-09	Open House Comment	Participant	Corporate	Would like to see copy of agreement between Newmont and Shore Gold.	SEDAR website has Shore/Newmont Joint Venture Agreement.	n/a
4-Feb-09	Open House Comment	Participant	Corporate	Various ideas about what Shore should do to be successful - branding diamonds	Suggest he call back in a month or so ..will discuss company updates	n/a
15-Apr-09	Meeting to Saskatoon Commercial Realtors	Participant	Corporate	What about the Candle Lake diamond exploration properties?	Not very familiar with Candle Lake (successor of Great Western Diamonds) properties. Don't believe they are as advanced as Shore's properties.	n/a
15-Sep-09	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Corporate	If both mines are developed how much does it bring the cost down?	It does bring the cost down but by how much ...don't know at this point. There would be a lot of shared costs that would be significant and would improve the economics.	n/a
15-Sep-09	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Corporate	What are the values of the royalties?	We don't know but likely calculated as in other jurisdictions. The government hasn't decided. Under cabinet consideration, perhaps sometime this Fall. They too, are waiting for the pre-feasibility and feasibility studies. They want to know how profitable it will be ...to set up a royalty structure that can allow industry to work	6.4.1
12-Jan-10	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Corporate	When is the bankable feasibility report expected?	Over the next year is the target. The pre-feasibility will be coming out soon.	n/a
12-Jan-10	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Corporate	The bankable feasibility is going to be on both Star and Orion South; things are now combined?	Yes, potentially, assuming the prefeasibility is positive.	n/a
12-Jan-10	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Corporate	Any changes with Newmont?	No, but the 2010 budget hasn't been released. They did not contribute to the 2009 budget and their intentions for 2010 are not yet released.	n/a
Feb-09	Open House Comment	Participant	Corporate	Will the project go ahead? Will there be a mine? How much will it cost? Why is the share price so low? What impact do current	We are hopeful that the project will move forward, and are proceeding with environmental assessment	n/a

				negative economic conditions have on Shore?	activities, which, if successful, will be followed by a production decision. Construction would take approximately 3 years and mining would last 20 years or more. A full description of the diamond resource is contained in the Pre-Feasibility Study available on the company website and described also in this EIS. The market determines share prices.	
Feb-09	Open House Written Comment	Participant	Corporate	What happened in the Walker Versus Shore Gold lawsuit with respect to claims filing priority and does it have cost and project implications?	Shore was unsuccessful in its defense to this lawsuit. It does not have cost or project implications.	n/a
Feb-09	Open House Written Comment	Participant	Corporate	How much would it cost to get a mine going? How would you raise the capital? With a low share price, how can you prevent another company from taking control?	We believe the mine would cost approximately \$1.6 billion. Capital would be raised in the capital markets and by debt financing. Any takeover bid would be determined by the shareholders.	n/a
14-Jun-10	Open House Comment	Participant	Corporate	Where will you get the money?	Capital would be raised in the capital markets and by debt financing.	n/a
14-Jun-10	Open House Comment	Participant	Corporate	When will the production decision be made?	We hope in 2011.	n/a
14-Jun-10	Open House Comment	Participant	Corporate	Who do you sell the diamonds to once in production?	On the world markets to the highest bidder.	n/a
14-Jun-10	Open House Comment	Participant	Corporate	Are you involved in the potential hydroelectric project?	No, but we would cooperate with James Smith Cree Nation, its partners and SaskPower as and if feasible to move that project along, as a potential customer, in due course.	n/a
14-Jun-10	Open House Comment	Participant	Corporate	Who is financing the project?	Capital would be raised in the capital markets and by debt financing.	n/a
14-Jun-10	Open House Comment	Participant	Corporate	Why does Shore keep changing their production decision dates?	Large capital-intensive mining projects take many years to bring to fruition. In the last few years, a decision was made to confirm the project footprint as two open pits rather than just one.	n/a
14-Jun-10	Open House Comment	Participant	Corporate	Is there a major company interested in purchasing the company?	We will seek opportunities in the best interests of the shareholders and the project as we move forward.	n/a
14-Jun-10	Open House Comment	Participant	Corporate	My husband and I have had stocks in Shore Gold for many years. This was very interesting to talk to your staff although we anticipate news everyday on your computer site. We are anxiously waiting to hear if there is actually going to be a mine. Does Shore Gold have enough money to mine this area alone? Will it be sold to someone else to mine? What will happen to our shares if the mine is sold? Thank you. We look for news everyday and would like to be kept more informed.	We appreciate the fact that you and your husband are shareholders, and are glad you found it interesting to talk to our staff. Like you, we are anxiously awaiting further developments, and we are trying to move the project forward. In answer to your specific questions: no, our company does not have sufficient money to mine. We would need to raise approximately \$1.6 billion to build a mine. This would require new investors or partners. In answer to your question whether the company would be sold to someone else and, if so, what would happen to your shares, no decisions have been made, but it would be the responsibility of corporate management and the board to make whatever arrangements or decisions were in the best interest of the shareholders, i.e. to maximize shareholder return. Management will be endeavouring to do so as things move forward.	n/a
14-Jun-10	Open House Comment	Participant	Corporate	Will the mineral reserve be re-calculated using the new diamond valuation numbers?	Yes.	n/a
15-Jun-10	Open House Comment	Participant	Corporate	First what is the chance in % of the mine actually starting within the next three years?	In terms of the percentage chance of the mine actually starting within the next three years, we are not able to put a percentage on it, but we are able to say that the pre-feasibility study indicates that a mine could be	n/a

					economically viable. Therefore, we are optimistic that diamond mining will commence in the area. This would involve approximately 2 or 3 years of construction followed by 20 to 25 years of mining. It is fair to say that, within the next three years, there is a good chance that construction of the mine will commence, subject to environmental approval, final feasibility study, financing and permitting. Actual production would not get going in the next three years, since it would take at least that long to start construction, and construction itself would take two or three years. It is important to note, however, that the beginning of construction itself would provide a similar number of jobs to the communities of the area as would be in production. Therefore, once construction starts, the benefits and economic opportunities are there even though mining hasn't started.	
15-Jun-10	Open House Comment	Participant	Corporate	Why don't you change your name to shore diamonds?	Your suggestion of a name change is one we have heard before, and we will certainly be considering as we move forward. Shore Gold started out as a gold company, and moved into diamonds. At some point, a name change may be in order.	n/a
17-Jun-10	Open House Comment	Participant	Corporate	Is Shore related to the cutting school in PA? Was it set up for Shore or by Shore?	No, they are separate operations pursuing different functions in the diamond industry.	n/a
17-Jun-10	Open House Comment	Participant	Corporate	Why share price is so low?	Share prices are a reflection of various market factors. We believe that there is value in the company, its assets and prospects.	n/a
17-Jun-10	Open House Comment	Participant	Corporate	The company that has the course is cutting and polishing a diamond called the Vegas Diamond is that one of the Shore Diamonds?	No.	n/a
24-Aug-10	E-Mail via Shore website	Community Member	Corporate – Donation Request	Wondering what Shore gold will do for community support... We are holding a fundraiser to get new equipment for our Melfort emergency room, and are looking for monetary donations to our cause	Thank you for your recent inquiry as to whether Shore Gold Inc. might be in a position to provide a donation for the Melfort emergency room. Because we are not yet in production, we have no revenue, and only spend shareholders' investments on exploration activities. Therefore, our corporate policy at this time is not to provide sponsorships or donations, so we must decline your request.	n/a
2010	Open House Comment	Participant	Decommissioning and Closure	How would the environment be restored/what would the environment look like after mining was finished?	We would be required to comply with a closure and reclamation plan as set out by government. Initial open pits would eventually become lakes, and overburden and other piles of the landscape would be reclaimed/revegetated.	7.5
2010	Open House Comment	Participant	Decommissioning and Closure	How does Shore know that the overburden pile would be able to sustain vegetation as contemplated by the closure/decommissioning plan?	Suitable topsoil would be retained/used.	7.5
12-Jan-10	Meeting Comment	DDAC: Town of Nipawin	Decommissioning and Closure	Open pit mining like at Estevan can be very esthetically unappealing. I would assume once the mining process is completed they would be required to return the area back to its original state or attempt it by re-treesing and filling in the pits to remove some of the scars from the landscape.	Closure plans will be contained in the EIS.	7.5
12-Jan-10	E-mail	DDAC: Town of Nipawin	Decommissioning and Closure	Concerned about reclamation of land to avoid unsightly "scars"; "post-mining remediation";	Closure plans will be contained in the EIS.	7.5

Feb-09	Open House Comment	Participant	Decommissioning and Closure	Will the overburden pile and course processed kimberlite pile be revegetated? What will be the end use of the open pit and the overburden pile? What will the overburden pile look like? Could it be used as a ski hill? Could the open pit be refilled with overburden once it is mined out? Could overburden from any second pit be used to fill in a first pit?	As above. It would be difficult to refill an open pit with overburden, except from a subsequent open pit, from which overburden could be taken to the earlier pile and deposited in areas where mining activities had been completed.	7.5
14-Jun-10	Open House Comment	Participant	Decommissioning and Closure	They asked how Shore Gold would know if the overburden pile would be able to grow vegetation (part of the closure/decommissioning plans).	As above.	7.5
14-Jun-10	Open House Comment	Participant	Decommissioning and Closure	Will the overburden material be removed by mining be returned to the pits once mining is completed?	As above.	7.5
15-Jun-10	Open House Comment	Participant	Decommissioning and Closure	How are you planning on paying back nature, for your damage caused?	If diamond mining was given the go-ahead by the provincial and federal governments, they would require a closure and reclamation plan to be filed showing how the natural environment would be restored, to the extent possible, during and after mining activities ceased. Several methods would be pursued, including that the federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans would require that any fish habitat taken out would have to be replaced, even if that meant creating improved or new fish habitat in a different location. We would replant trees and other plants on the area used for the project and, in time, the forest and vegetation would be replaced and function in much the same way as it had before, although there would be some loss of forest area in the open pits, which, after mining, eventually would flood with water and create lake/aquatic habitat. In the planning and operation of the mine, we would be required to make sure that the impact was as small as possible.	7.5
15-Jun-10	Open House Comment	Participant	Decommissioning and Closure	What do you plan on doing with the holes?	With respect to the open pits, they would naturally fill with water after mining, and become lakes with healthy aquatic habitat. If mining went beyond the initial open pits into other pits, then most likely the new pits would be used to fill in the previous pits; this would be directed by government.	7.5
17-Jun-10	Open House Comment	Participant	Decommissioning and Closure	What was going to happen with the pit and piles afterwards.	As above.	7.5
17-Jun-10	Open House Comment	Participant	Decommissioning and Closure	What happens when the mining is completed? What happens to all the jobs and people? Will you leave the place a mess?	Shore would anticipate and the life of mine to be 20 years or more, so there would be a lot of time for Shore and communities to plan for closure and reclamation. Another consideration is that Shore kimberlites in the area may prove to be mineable as well; if that was the case, there could be mining in the area for a more extended period.	7.5
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Decommissioning and Closure	It was asked what would happen to communities at mine closure and how will effects to the community be mitigated. It was stated by other participants that people are resilient to the boom/bust cycles and that mining could be continued in the future if exploration activities find feasible resources.	Shore would anticipate and the life of mine to be 20 years or more, so there would be a lot of time for Shore and communities to plan for closure and reclamation. Another consideration is that Shore kimberlites in the area may prove to be mineable as well; if that was the case, there could be mining in the area for a more extended period.	6.4
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Decommissioning and Closure	Reclamation of the area is important.	Shore agrees, and closure and reclamation must be part of initial planning. As well, Saskatchewan's <i>Reclaimed Industrial Sites Act</i> requires a fully funded	7.5

					closure and reclamation plan at the end of mine life prior to returning least Crown land to the Crown, which a company must do for both legal and financial reasons.	
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Decommissioning and Closure	One person suggested the proposed end land use of a skill hill would likely be opposed by the operators of the nearby Wapiti Valley Ski Hill, while others felt that the addition of a new skiing facility would bring more skiers into the region and actually improve the economics of the Wapiti Valley Ski Hill. It was suggested that closure options be left open and be the subject of future discussions.	Shore looks forward to working with government and communities in conducting operations including design and contour of the overburden pile and exploring legacy economic opportunities in accordance with government and community wishes.	7.5
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Decommissioning and Closure	Are hard targets in place to get back to baseline conditions at some point? Are there detailed plans for reclamation, included how it is going to be done, when and what the ultimate goal will be?	There are no hard targets in place at this time. The EIS contains a conceptual reclamation plan, which will be updated and submitted to the SMOE on a regular basis.	7.5
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Decommissioning and Closure	What is the ability of the pile to revegetate? How do you know whether or not the piles would revegetate adequately? Will the EIS be able to predict how effectively the piles can be revegetated? Expectations were that information on the plant/wildlife communities that would exist after reclamation is completed will be included in the EIS along with a description of how to get there.	It is expected that the overburden pile will revegetate easily as it is mostly a mixture of glacial till. Shale will be buried. There is work ongoing in regards to reclaiming the processed kimberlite piles and this work will help to show which amendments and/or procedures will be used to effectively reclaim piles.	7.5.6
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Decommissioning and Closure	What about putting tailings into the pit?	Shore is planning on placing fine processed kimberlite (PK) from Orion South (OS) in the Star pit.	7.5
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Decommissioning and Closure	Would you have to wait until Orion South (OS) is done to fill Star pit?	No, backfilling would start as soon as Star is done.	3.0
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Decommissioning and Closure	What about layering in the pit lake?	Layering will be considered in the EIS (thermo or chemclines) based on the backfilling plan.	5.2
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Decommissioning and Closure	Can you put the fines in first (OS fines back where the Star Kimberlite was)?	The logistics are difficult to accommodate placement of OS fines at the bottom of the Star pit. Also, all OB from OS would then have to go to the external OB pile. We are certainly looking at all options.	2.0
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Decommissioning and Closure	After the Star-Orion South pits are mined, will Shore Gold be finished mining in the area?	There are 70 kimberlites in Fort à la Corne (FalC). The Star and Orion South pits were most advanced in the exploration phase and therefore are the focus of the mine development. There are "inferred" mineral resources but there is not enough information available yet to know if these other resources are feasible to development. There are also "other" mineral resources with even less information about the feasibility of developing. We may find through our exploration activities that other kimberlites in FalC are feasible to develop after the 22 years of mining Star and Orion South. These would be mined in accordance with separate environmental assessments/conditions which would have to be outlined by the provincial and federal regulators as appropriate in each case, and any such future development is highly speculative at this juncture.	n/a
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Decommissioning and Closure	Could the pit be filled with overburden (OB) so that fish habitat is improved? Would the stacking in pit be in one spot?	Yes, placement of OB would start from the south side of the Star pit and move toward the centre.	7.5
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Decommissioning and Closure	Don't want a stratified saline lake.	Noted.	6.0
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Decommissioning and Closure	What would be the very long term effects of the pit lake? - What would the final pit lake look like? Would like to see a detailed plan on how the pits would look sooner and at incremental years afterwards? How long would it take to fill with water? Would the water quality after filling be conducive to using the lake? Would the lake support a	This level of detail is still being developed. Generally, the pits are roughly circular and roughly 300m deep from surface at their deepest points. Reclamation plans will include the pit lakes.	6.2.7

26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Decommissioning and Closure	fishery? Concerns about if adequate money will be in place for reclamation?	Discussions on the regulations and financial assurances that will need to be in place. SMOE provided clarification on some of the requirements. Shore currently estimates ~87 million for a reclamation bond posted as a financial assurance for the project.	7.5
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Economic Development and Tourism	It was suggested that other agencies should be asked to help promote the region.	Noted	6.4.1
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Economic Development and Tourism	A participant asked if other companies can look for kimberlites in the FalC and this was answered affirmatively.		n/a
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Economic Development and Tourism	It was asked if Newmont was Shore Gold's partner	. It was clarified that Newmont is a partner and is part of the Joint venture for the Orion South pit. Their focus in the last few years has been on their core business of gold mining.	2.2
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Economic Development and Tourism	There was a discussion about using bussing for tourists (leaving from Prince Albert) who may want to visit a proposed interpretive centre at the mine site.	Noted	6.4.1
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Economic Development and Tourism	It is anticipated that the local tax base will grow. Some businesses will grow in rural areas.	Shore is hopeful that it will contribute to local economic growth.	6.4.1
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Economic Development and Tourism	The B&Bs in the region are seeing clientele who are coming to hunt and snowmobile in the area. The mine site itself will be a tourism attraction and will therefore stimulate tourism businesses in the area. There was discussion about the proposed viewing platform at the interpretive centre at the site as a tourism draw since this will be the largest open pit diamond mine in the world and more accessible than other diamond mines (located in remote regions in northern Canada).	As above.	6.4.1
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Economic Development and Tourism	People will shop where they have to slow down. It is not likely that a person traveling on Highway 55 will slow down to buy services in smaller communities unless there are other reasons to stop.	Noted	6.4.1
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Economic Development and Tourism	This is a very important project economically to the province.	Noted	6.4.1
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Economic Development and Tourism	It was suggested that there could be development of ecotourism opportunities in the FalC.	Noted	6.4.1
20-Nov-07	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Economics	Do numbers in the reflect Thyssen mining?	The employment numbers given do not include subcontractors; so the numbers presented reflect direct Shore employment only.	n/a
20-Nov-07	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Economics	Is government required to address social economics to receive a surface lease?	Socio-economic assessment is more appropriate in the environmental impact assessment; however the process is being developed with Saskatchewan Environment currently.	6.4.1
20-Nov-07	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Economics	Any discussion with Rural Municipality (RM) re: tax assessment to share with RM? Would local taxes go to the local authorities where diamond mines are situated or put into a fund to be distributed to a larger group of local governments?	The responsibility of Shore would be to pay taxes lawfully levied upon it. To which government any taxes are paid is a question within the power of the government of SK, in Engagement with Sask Association of Rural Municipalities (SARM), Sask Urban Municipalities Association (SUMA) and Saskatchewan School Boards Association (SSTA). Shore will not be involved in deliberations.	6.4.1
05-Feb-09	Open House Comment	Participant	Economics	An excellent presentation. A very desirable development with minimum environmental damage and tremendous economic benefits for the area and beyond.	Noted.	n/a
02 Feb -09	Open House Comment	Participant	Economics	I think this project would be good for this area, province and country, especially for this area as it is not related to the existing economy of agriculture and forestry.	Noted.	6.4.1

Jun-10	Open House Comment	Participant	Economics	It is unfortunate that an agreement was reached between Shore Gold Inc. and the SK government on a diamond royalty prior to the issuance of an open pit mining permit. This creates a grey cloud over the license procurement procedure, which raises the question "would Shore Gold Inc. have been so readily agreeable to the royalty after the permit had been issued.?" \$431 million is a lot of persuasive power. Money talks!!!	We feel that the recent announcement by the Saskatchewan government of a royalty and taxation system for diamond mining would enable us to profitably mine diamonds while at the same time providing the province with a new revenue source.	6.4.1
2010	Open House Comment	Participant	Employment and Training	What job qualifications do you need for (specified) job?	Qualifications differ depending on the job opportunity. Qualifications will outlined with the specific job posting.	6.4.1
2010	Open House Comment	Participant	Employment and Training	Are you planning on bringing foreign workers in?	No.	6.4.1
20-Nov-07	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Employment and Training	First Nations employment - is First Nation community represented appropriately?	Yes, about right or exceed want to do more on this front. First Nation employment numbers are based on voluntary identification.	6.4.1
25-Jun-08	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Employment and Training	Are you only focusing on Aboriginal people?	There is a large population of Aboriginal youth so it works for everybody to try to fully engage them in the economy and James Smith proposed hydro project.	6.4.1
03-Feb-09	Open House Comment	Participant	Employment and Training	Encouraged that SK has something to offer. Hope this will bring employment.	Noted.	6.4.1
3-Feb-09	Open House Comment	Participant	Employment and Training	Not all people have internet yet so it would be nice if all jobs were advertised in local papers.	Noted.	6.4.1
15-Apr-09	Meeting to Saskatoon Commercial Realtors	Participant	Employment and Training	How many jobs will there be and what are the time lines?	About 1000 jobs for construction and 300 to 400 for production. If everything goes according to plan, 2013 would be the start of mining. (The 2009 estimate)	6.4.1
Feb-09	Open House Written Comment	Participant	Employment and Training	Do you have a Prince Albert office? Do you provide speakers for Adult Basic Education classes in the PA area, or high school students? Do you offer tours to interested groups, or students? Will local training be available? Will there be on the job training?	Shore does not presently have a Prince Albert office. Certainly, speakers are made available on request. Tours have been arranged in the past, although at present the site is mainly in "care and maintenance". It is anticipated that the public will visit an interpretation center at the site in future. We anticipate training by area educational institutions and on-the-job training.	6.4.1
Feb-09	Open House Comment	Participant	Employment and Training	Will there be a hiring quota? What kind of jobs will there be? When will the jobs be available?	We do not anticipate hiring quotas, but will aim to have a representative workforce. A wide range of jobs will be available in the event construction commences, and in production.	6.4.1
Feb-09	Open House Comment	Participant	Employment and Training	What kind of training will be needed?	Training from educational institutions as well as on-the-job training will be needed, depending upon the job concerned.	6.4.1
Feb-09	Open House Written Comment	Participant	Employment and Training	Will there be hiring quotas for Aboriginal people? Will there be a union? Is age or gender a factor in hiring? Is there job security? What is a haulage truck operator?	We do not anticipate hiring quotas, but willing to have a representative workforce. The question of whether employees have a certified bargaining agent is one for the employees to determine.	6.4.1
14-Jun-10	Open House Comment	Participant	Employment and Training	How many jobs during construction? During production?	We anticipate approximately 500 employees during construction and approximately 500 employees in production, as direct jobs created, and that there will also be spin-off jobs in the economy, approximately 1.5 in direct jobs for each direct job created. (The revised post pre-feasibility study 2010 estimate).	6.4.1
14-Jun-10	Open House Comment	Participant	Employment and Training	Who do you plan on hiring (i.e. will there be an Aboriginal quota)?	As above.	6.4.1

15-Jun-10	Open House Comment	Participant	Employment and Training	How old do you have to be to drive a dump truck, and what license is needed?	To drive a mining truck, mining regulations require that you be 18 years old at a mine site. Although there is no special license for driving an ordinary truck at a mine site, to drive a regular tandem dump truck, you need a class one or class three license with air brake endorsements. There are training programs for heavy equipment through SIAST and several private schools, also possibly through your local Regional College. You might want to consult your guidance counselor about training opportunities in the area.	6.4.1
15-Jun-10	Open House Comment	Participant	Employment and Training	How old do you have to be to be able to work there?	A person would have to be at least 16 years of age to obtain employment, although it would be somewhat unlikely that we would be hiring people at that age, because we would expect them to have a high school education and in most cases postsecondary training, i.e. some kind of certificate or diploma or apprenticeship in the trades.	6.4.1
15-Jun-10	Open House Comment	Participant	Employment and Training	Which of your jobs requires the highest education, and are there certain jobs that you hire from separate companies?	Probably the jobs that would require the highest education would be the engineers and geologists, who require university degrees. We estimate that only 6% of the jobs, however, would require university degrees. Another approximately 70% of the jobs would require some on-the-job training or postsecondary diploma, certificate or qualification. This could range from apprenticeship as a trades person, e.g. welder or electrician, to a course to learn how to be licensed as a heavy equipment operator, to one of any number of technical diplomas or certificates available from training institutions such as SIAST, your local Regional College, the Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technology or Gabriel Dumont Institute. We believe the important thing for students to now is that taking the maths and sciences may assist you in the future in obtaining the type of training you may need for the many different jobs in the mining sector. With respect to your question about whether there are certain jobs that we would hire from other companies, the answer is yes. During construction, we would expect that much of the construction work would be hired out to separate companies, and although, during mining, most of the work would be done by Shore employees, some aspects would be contracted out to other companies. Therefore, in addition to job opportunities, there would also be opportunities for local businesses to contract to provide various goods and services. We will be posting all of the information from the Open Houses on our website, <a href="http://www.shoregold.com">www.shoregold.com</a> over the next while, and a detailed description of jobs and contract opportunities will be included there.	6.4.1
15-Jun-10	Open House Comment	Participant	Employment and Training	Is the majority of the job outside or in the mine? Or is it both?	Most of the jobs would be outside although often within cabs of large equipment. Some of the jobs would be in the processing plant, i.e. inside jobs.	6.4.1
15-Jun-10	Open House Comment	Participant	Employment and Training	How many locals will be able to get employment?	With respect to local employment, it would be our objective to hire locally to the extent that skilled labor was locally available, so we believe there would be	6.4.1



					opportunities for local people. As well, we believe some people from the area would want to return to work at the mine site.	
15-Jun-10	Open House Comment	Participant	Employment and Training	What kind of job can you get without an education?	There are some jobs you can get without postsecondary education, but it is important to remember that employers are going to look at people with a high school education at least. Also, some of the apprenticeships and postsecondary training require certain high school attainment. You might want to talk to your guidance counselor about job options and training requirements. We encourage young people to stay in school, get their high school and consider maths or sciences if they want to work in areas requiring technical training. It is also important to remember that, generally speaking, the more education you have, the more options you will have to move up during your working career. Although you can get jobs like labouring jobs without much education, you will get better jobs if you get your high school and take some kind of training to get a certificate or diploma after that, or the apprentice in one of the trades. Good luck with your educational and career planning.	6.4.1
15-Jun-10	Open House Comment	Participant	Employment and Training	What opportunities would a young person graduating have?	There would be many opportunities for employment and to provide goods or services in the event construction of the diamond mine in the area commences, followed by mining. We are optimistic construction will commence over the next several years. There would be many jobs available, and opportunities to do business with Shore Gold Inc. In my opinion, the important thing for a young person to know is that a high school education including studying maths and sciences would be beneficial in going on to obtain the necessary training or after high school certificate or diploma that a person would need to pursue one of the many different jobs at the mine site. We will be posting information on our website <a href="http://www.shoregold.com">www.shoregold.com</a> in the Community section over the next while detailing the sorts of jobs and business opportunities that will be available.	6.4.1
17-Jun-10	Open House Comment	Participant	Employment and Training	What percentage of the jobs will be for Aboriginals?	We will not have set hiring quotas, but aim to have a representative workforce	6.4.1
17-Jun-10	Open House Comment	Participant	Employment and Training	Does Shore have agreements with Saskatchewan government agencies for jobs, suppliers?	No.	6.4.1
17-Jun-10	Open House Comment	Participant	Employment and Training	There is a diamond cutting and polishing school in PA. Thinking of taking the course. If I take the course will I get a job at the diamond mine?	Shore will employ diamond sorters, but not cutters and polishers.	6.4.1
24-Jun-10	Open House Comment	Participant	Employment and Training	Many people want to know when they could get a job with the project and many people work similar jobs either in the oil sands or in the northern mines and many indicated they would rather work closer to home.	Noted.	6.4.1
24-Jun-10	Open House Comment	Participant	Employment and Training	Will there be career information for kids to come home?	Yes.	6.4.1
24-Jun-10	Open House Comment	Participant	Employment and Training	Is there a specific qualification to be a diamond sorter?	There would be on-the-job training.	6.4.1
25-Jun-10	Open House Comment	Participant	Employment and Training	Where would administrative staff diploma personal be employed -- onsite or Saskatoon?	With respect to your question about where administrative staff would be as between the site and	6.4.1

					Saskatoon, we would anticipate that there would be people in both locations, the exact complements at each at this time being undetermined.	
25-Jun-10	Open House Comment	Participant	Employment and Training	Do you have to have a certain number of Métis?	We are not required to hire any certain number of Métis or other Aboriginal people, but it has been our practice, and is our desire, to employ and contract with Métis and First Nations People, and we have done so. We signed a partnership agreement with Métis and First Nations organizations and educational intuitions and contractors wherein we agreed to make efforts to train up and contract with Aboriginal people.	6.4.1
25-Jun-10	Open House Comment	Participant	Employment and Training	Will it be union?	Whether or not there would be a union at any employers jobsite is, under Saskatchewan law, a decision to be made by the employees themselves. There is at present no union at Shore Gold.	6.4.1
25-Jun-10	Open House Comment	Participant	Employment and Training	Will training be available close by (Nipawin, Tisdale) Will there be job fairs? Is age or sex a factor? Is there job security? What is a haulage truck operator? Will you have some on job training?	We would hope that training would be available close to the area in which you live. That would be a decision to be made by educational institutions themselves such as Cumberland Regional College. As we move forward, we would be identifying areas where local training would be helpful. We do not have any job fairs planned at present In terms of age or gender, these would not be factors in hiring. We would be more concerned about the qualifications and abilities of prospective employees. A haulage truck operator would be someone who would drive a very large truck, moving large volumes of material. A license to do so, and heavy equipment operation training and/or qualification would probably be required. There would be some occupations where training would be on the job, and given the unique nature of our proposal, probably most jobs would involve some element of on-the-job training.	6.4.1
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Employment and Training	There was a question about how the 20% Aboriginal workforce was arrived at in the analysis.	It was clarified that Shore Gold wishes to retain a workforce that is representative of the demographic characteristics of the region.	5.4.1
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Employment and Training	A participant asked what percentage of the exploration workforce was from the region.	It was stated that more people came from outside of the region during the peak exploration phase because the contractors brought their own workers. However, at that time of exploration, up to 60 Aboriginal people worked at the mine site.	5.4.1
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Employment and Training	Training of First Nations and Métis people for jobs is important. Having a representative workforce is desirable.	Noted.	6.4.1
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Employment and Training	It was stressed that Aboriginal awareness training will be important for workers at the mine.	Noted.	6.4.1
15-May-07	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Environmental Assessment	If there is some effect, is there some way to combat it?	Scoping and prefeasibility studies are designed to identify issues and or concerns and then to assess mitigation measures that may take place.	6.1
25-Jun-08	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Environmental Assessment	How long would it take to get government approval?	This is evolving area; there are no set time frames but we do not expect to put in an application and expect the consultation process and a decision to be made in a month.	2.0
21-Oct-08	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Environmental Assessment	You will be using this information that you are gathering now as a baseline study for the future?	Correct if we noticed a change in future years we can find out why by comparing the results to information collected in an undisturbed condition.	6.0
21-Oct-08	Meeting	DDAC	Environmental Assessment	Process for environmental assessment?	We are now conducting or completing baseline	1.0

	Comment				environmental studies. We will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement which will describe the impacts the project would have on the environment. That statement will then be reviewed by the federal and provincial governments, which will also consult the First Nations and Métis people about the impacts, and provide an opportunity for input by the public at large.	
7-Jan-10	Letter	DDAC: City of Melfort	Environmental Assessment	Having noted the information presented at the 2009 Open House, stated, "We do not see at this time any physical environmental issues from operating that would be of concern to Melfort and believe that the Ministry of the Environment and Federal Government regulations will continue to monitor on-going operations to protect the public".	Noted	n/a
12-Jan-10	Meeting Comment	DDAC: Town of Nipawin	Environmental Assessment	Comments on environmental issues and the project from Town of Nipawin Councillors: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I do not have any environmental concerns at the moment.</li> <li>• I think this project would be great for the area and if the environmental issues are dealt with there should be no real concerns.</li> </ul>	Noted.	n/a
12-Jan-10	Meeting Comment	DDAC: Town of Nipawin	Environmental Assessment	The main issue is the open pit mine and the amount of land it will encompass, otherwise they will have to follow strict guidelines set out by governments. The report that was prepared for the Ministry of Environment Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency should address most environmental concerns.	Noted.	6.0, 6.1
12-Jan-10	Meeting Comment	DDAC: Town of Tisdale	Environmental Assessment	We have faith in the regulators; they are quite stringent. Wildlife and water are high on my list.	Noted.	6.3
18-Jan-10	E-Mail	DDAC: R.M. of Birch Hills	Environmental Assessment	There were no major environmental concerns. "It was generally felt that government regulations like environmental impact assessment requirements would cover all the flora and fauna, air and water issues in more depth that (sic) this council would ever consider."	Noted.	6.0
17-Feb-10	E-Mails	DDAC: Melfort, Town of Nipawin; Nipawin Métis Local	Environmental Assessment	Some potential issues to be considered: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access roads,</li> <li>• possible loss of habitat</li> <li>• Overburden (non ore-grade material overlying the ore body) to be removed and stored somewhere, usually in large tailings piles</li> <li>• Waste rock mined along with ore-grade material, to be removed and stored like overburden</li> <li>• Groundwater contamination</li> <li>• Storage and treatment of process water and/or seepage water into pit</li> <li>• Storage and care of ore removed from pit</li> <li>• Air emissions from mining equipment and processing including dust</li> <li>• Impacts of the ore processing facility, including air emissions, slurry tailings, and potential effluent discharges</li> <li>• Noise issues</li> <li>• Impacts on local fish and wildlife</li> <li>• Impacts on local streams and runoff</li> <li>• Post mining remediation</li> </ul>	All issues are addressed in this EIS.	6.0

14-Jun-10	Open House Comment	Participant	Environmental Assessment	They asked what would happen if the Saskatchewan River flooded into the Star mine pit and how could Shore Gold be sure that this would not happen.	Governments require an assessment of effects due to possible upset conditions. This type of assessment is included in the EIS.	6.2.5
14-Jun-10	Open House Comment	Participant	Environmental Assessment	Will the overburden pile affect weather in the area?	We do not believe so.	6.2.2
15-Jun-10	Open House Comment	Participant	Environmental Assessment	A most interesting presentation charts etc. were great. How much pollution will the mine cause?	With respect to the question of pollution, we do not believe this would be a major issue with diamond mining. Diamond mining does not use dangerous chemicals. Any water used in processing would have to be settled out prior to release. Most of the large equipment would be powered by electricity, so emissions would be low. There would be creation of some dust, but this would not be an unusual occurrence.	6.2.2
15-Jun-10	Open House Comment	Participant	Environmental Assessment	Are you polluting the environment by doing this?	We do not believe we would be polluting the environment by doing mining diamonds in the area. There would be the creation of large open pits in the ground, but these would not be acidic or toxic and would fill with water naturally and become aquatic habitat in due course. There would also be the creation of overburden and kimberlite piles, or hills, but these would not be dangerous material, and would be reclaimed and covered with vegetation during and at the end of mining. Also, there would be the creation of dust during the mining process, but we would not regard this as an unusual occurrence. As well, some vehicles would emit exhaust, but again, this would not be an unusual occurrence. Diamond mining is a very environmentally safe form of mining.	6.2.2
Jun-10	Open House Comment	Participant	Environmental assessment	Size of the impact in relation to the forest?	Less than 4% of the forest would be occupied by the project site.	2.0
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Environmental assessment	Were efforts made to look at pre-disturbance (pre-exploration) development and use that as a baseline? Concern was expressed that using 2009 as a baseline doesn't take into account all the impact of exploration activity and development.	All data sources were included including many from pre-exploration. For example, the information from the Sask. River Dam projects was included as well as historic data from the SMOE wherever possible	5.0
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Environmental Assessment	For the cumulative effects assessment are you looking at other leaseholders and additional exploration activities?	To assess the cumulative effects, we are only able to look at activities in the region that are proposed (and announced in the public domain) for the future. This will include known forestry activities, the power line, as well as our exploration activities. We are constrained by the 43-101 regulations about what can be stated about possible future development of other mine pits in this region. Any future mine development will be subject to its own environmental impact assessment.	9.0
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Environmental Assessment	Will the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) at the national level be a comprehensive level assessment by the federal government?	Yes.	1.0
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Environmental Assessment	In light of the Red Chris decision, why is the power line being assessed separately?	We are addressing the power line as an ancillary development and will discuss it qualitatively in the cumulative effects assessment. The project description (for the power line) is expected to be submitted to the provincial government in December of this year. The power line was not included in the Star-Orion South project description and is considered a separate project.	2.0

26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Environmental Assessment	What was the rationale for the LSA boundaries? Could it be expanded to include the power line?	The LSA includes all site facilities. The power line is subject to a separate process led by SaskPower, but will be discussed qualitatively in the EIS.	5.0
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Environmental Assessment	Were valued ecosystem components the only factors that were looked at? Or is there an exhaustive list included along with results of what was found?	More detailed results will be included in the EIS	6.3
30-Jan-07	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Environmental Monitoring/Management	Is there any money set aside for environmental impacts?	Shore will be required to post financial assurances pursuant to the <i>Environmental Management and Protection Act</i> during construction and mining, and under the <i>Reclaimed Industrial Sites Act</i> after mining.	7.5
14-Jun-10	Open House Comment	Participant	Environmental Monitoring/Management	They asked if monitoring of the mine site would still happen in 25 years when people forget about the mine	Yes. Continual monitoring would be required while in production, and must be funded after mining pursuant to the provisions of Saskatchewan's <i>Reclaimed Industrial Sites Act</i> .	7.4
14-Jun-10	Open House Comment	Participant	Environmental Monitoring/Management	They asked if the government would turn a blind eye if Shore Gold does not do the monitoring	No. Government regulators take their responsibilities seriously, and the carrying out of government responsibilities is monitored by the Provincial Auditor, an officer responsible to the Legislative Assembly.	7.0
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Environmental Monitoring/Management	Need a draft monitoring program in the EIS.	Noted.	7.4
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Environmental Monitoring/Management	Monitoring wells away from pits?	Yes, would need several locations to provide background information so seasonal and yearly variations can be considered.	6.2.4
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Environmental Monitoring/Management	Suggest monitoring wells at about the 25 m drawdown in the lower part of the lower till.	Noted.	6.2.4
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Environmental Monitoring/Management	Would need a description of monitoring network for permits.	Noted.	7.4
15-Sep-09	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Fisheries and Aquatic Resources	I don't see any rainbow trout.	No, they aren't in the survey but that doesn't mean there are none. It simply means there were none when the survey was done in those areas.	6.3.1
Feb-09	Open House Comment	Participant	Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (Decommissioning and Closure)	Would fish live in the lake that the open pit would eventually become?	Yes.	6.3.1
20-Feb-07	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Historical Resources	Heritage issues - what constitutes a "Heritage Resource"	Any artifacts from human activity in area over past 9000 years with emphasis on Aboriginal peoples, fur trade and early European settler activities.	6.4.6
Feb-09	Open House Comment	Participant	Noise	Will there be noise pollution?	During mining, there will be occasional explosive blasts, perhaps once every several days.	6.2.3
20-Nov-07	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Non-Traditional Land Use	Timber harvesting who is responsible?	Shore is responsible for any timber harvesting conducted under the forest products permit.	6.3.2
15-Jan-08	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Non-traditional Land Use	Can individuals own mineral rights?	The Crown owns the mineral rights. Two ways to privately own mineral rights would be before British Land Act or purchased land from CPR.	n/a
5 - Feb-09	Open House Comment	Participant	Non-Traditional Land Use	No mention made of the Fort a la Corne provincial forest land use planning public advisory committee work or final report.	Responded by e-mail: The FaLC Provincial Forest Draft integrated Forest Land Use Plan is referenced in the Project Proposal submitted to the Ministry of Environment and in the Non-traditional land Use initial Baseline Summary handout (attached). Shore understands that the Province is currently working to finalize this document and understands that any end land use planning as part of the EIA process would need to incorporate recommendations of the final document.	6.4.3
5 - Feb-09	Open House Comment	Participant	Non-Traditional Land Use	Any wood that can be cut before mine site is occupied by the facility?	The majority of the wood in the Project Area is considered non-merchantable. The exact proportion will be determined shortly. Merchantable timber would need	6.4.3,

					to be harvested prior to construction. Uses for the non-merchantable wood (e.g., fire wood, ethanol feedstock) will be explored prior to construction.	2.5.1
12-Jan-10	Meeting Comment	DDAC: Town of Nipawin		In the report they mentioned they will use 70 tonnes of explosives per week per pit. I am not sure how the explosives will reach the mine but if they are transported by truck through our community this may be a concern.	Safe transport of explosives will be contained in the EIS.	2.5.5
12-Jan-10	E-mail	DDAC:Town of Nipawin	Occupational Health & Safety	Concerned about Transportation of explosives: "if they are transported by truck through our community this may be a concern"	Safe transport of explosives will be contained in the EIS.	2.5.5
15-Sep-09	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Project Alternatives	In the pre-feasibility study is there consideration for infrastructure costs such as rail, power, etc. and discussion of locations?	Looked at various options for gas (in the technical report). For power there are three options. Consideration of what we need and what are the economics; options will be weighed by pros and cons.	3.7, 3.8
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Project Alternatives	Why not make the OB pile half as big, rather than half as tall, or at least explain why not?	There is potential to do this based on feedback on the EIS. The footprint as presented represents the 'worst case' from an area perspective. Direction may come from the environmental assessment, i.e. regulators may prescribe height and contouring of overburden piles.	3.4.3
2010	Open House Comment	Participant	Project Description	How big will the pit be?	The Star pit may be up to 3 km wide.	2.6.2
2010	Open House Comment	Participant	Project Description	Will there be a caterer on site?	Likely during construction, not necessarily during production, when workers would have homes in the area and could bring their own meals.	2.5.6
2010	Open House Comment	Participant	Project Description	Will administration staff be on site?	Some administrative staff would be on site.	1.5.4
30-Jan-07	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Project Description	How will Shore manage the overburden? Will this be like Estevan strip mining?	Overburden will be piles and contoured as approved by government regulators, properly sloped and vegetated so as not to erode.	2.6.4
20-Nov-07	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Project Description	Will Shore go with an open pit mine?	To be determined as part of the mine trade off study	2.6.2
20-Nov-07	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Project Description	Do you freeze large diameter drilling (LDD) when drilling?	No	5.2.1
20-Nov-07	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Project Description	Is there still a power line coming in?	Part of the feasibility study.	2.5.4
20-Nov-07	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Project Description	What do you do with the dry medium of the mud?	Some can be recycled, some is disposed in a mud pit, and some is left down hole.	2.6.5
15-Jan-08	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Project Description	How do you locate anomalies?	Use aircraft with aeromagnetic machines.	5.2.1
15-Jan-08	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Project Description	Differentiate low ore bodies or high ore bodies?	Cannot differentiate from the aircraft.	5.2.1
15-Jan-08	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Project Description	Total depth of these holes?	Don't know; drill deep enough to hit kimberlite.	5.2.1
15-Jan-08	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Project Description	How far north is Shore Gold boundary?	Northern boundary on the map in the presentation Birch Bark Lake is close to the northern boundary	2.4.4, 2.4.5
15-Jan-08	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Project Description	Have any results come back from the Orion South shaft samples?	2 batches have been processed to date. Once large quantities of diamonds are recovered, they will be sent out to another location for sorting. The goal is to determine the size of diamonds and the carats per tonne. The geologists at Shore Gold will publish a resource estimate on the volume of diamonds at Star Project. That then leads to analysis for a reserved estimate of economic recovery and discussion is made if it is a viable resource. Shore Gold believes that if Star	2.2.2

					is viable then Orion will probably be viable as well. This is all speculation. Resource estimate published March/April 2008 Star Reserve estimate published 2009 make decision if it is viable. Prefeasibility 2008 and bankable feasibility 2009	
15-Jan-08	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Project Description	Drifts in Orion shaft?	3 drifts at different levels. 3km of total drifts. 3.5m x 3.5m	5.2.1
15-Jan-08	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Project Description	How are drifts made?	Drill 1 drill and then blast or jackhammer. It is best to get large pieces of rock because there will not be damage to the diamonds.	5.2.1
15-Jan-08	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Project Description	When will the Orion project be complete?	Drifting and exploration at Orion South should be complete by the end of 2009	5.2.1
25-Jun-08	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Project Description	Is the time line still on track?	Progression has not changed - gave all data to AMEC; the preparation of the resource estimate took longer than we expected but they are a 3rd party and they have to put their name on it so they want to make it correct. Things will be delayed slightly. Shawn discuss progress of Orion South Shaft	2.4.4
25-Jun-08	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Project Description	Are you sampling more than one level?	Drifting starts north and down to the 210 meter depth. South drifting upwards to 150 meter depth	5.2.1
25-Jun-08	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Project Description	Would you mine Star or Orion South?	Both if the potential of Star and Orion South is there with both on line we gain economies of scale (costs go down)	2.6.1
25-Jun-08	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Project Description	What is the current work?	Orion South underground and large diameter drilling work large diameter drilling on OS plans on future to drill on Orion North. 15 large diameter drilling holes on Taurus in late 2008 to find out grade and get a feeling for the quality of the diamonds	2.2.3
25-Jun-08	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Project Description	When will the project proposal be ready?	Project proposal very soon fall/late summer of 2008 for the consultation process	1.0
20-Jan-09	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Project Description	Will Shore continue exploration?	No. The underground is stable, but we will let it flood naturally with ground water. Public Safety is our main priority, therefore we will likely stop all access to the shaft and underground with a concrete cap	n/a
20-Jan-09	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Project Description	Desktop Analysis on Star?	Currently it is anticipated that the desktop analysis on Star will be done in 09 and a production decision will be made in 2010. Received input from DDAC members and will be implementing some of their suggestions – i.e. bring core samples and kimberlite along to open house.	2.0
20-Jan-09	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Project Description	What stage does the Project Proposal put Star at?	The Project Proposal has been submitted to the Ministry of Environment and Federal agencies. The Proposal has started the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process, which explains the impacts of the proposed project on the environment and explains the steps taken to protect the environment. The EIA process also includes an opportunity for the public to take part. The upcoming Open Houses are being done in order to provide the opportunity to explain the proposed Project and receive input from the public.	1.0
15-Apr-09	Meeting to Saskatoon Commercial Realtors	Participant	Project Description	About 30+ people in attendance. How is your grade lower than the mines in the NWT; How is the quality lower . . . please explain?	Grade refers to the frequency of the diamond in the kimerlite not the actual quality of the stones that are found. The quality of the stones is quite high.	2.4.4
15-Sep-09	Meeting	DDAC	Project Description	Any physical kimberlite connection between the two kimberlites (Star	The Resource Estimate on Orion South was explained	5.2.1

	Comment			and Orion South)?	by geologist Shawn Harvey. 1. Some --but minimal and not significant.	
15-Sep-09	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Project Description	When will the Reserve on Orion South be made?	Not sure of the timing. If we were going to roll Orion South with Star into the EIA we would want to do it as quickly as possible. It is done by independent consultants, so we will be dependent on third parties in terms of the timing.	2.4.4
15-Sep-09	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Project Description	Can the kimberlite pipe be mined?	Yes, but it would involve going underground. First mine with open pit method as it is most economical, then, if financially advantageous, go underground.	2.6.2
15-Sep-09	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Project Description	What is the depth of the pit?	370M deep and approximately 2 Km across.	2.6.2
15-Sep-09	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Project Description	Where is the pressurized formation?	Not in the overburden, but in the Mannville formation. Water will want to come in and that will affect the pit slope stability. Will be drilling 22 wells around the pit to de-pressurize.	5.2.7
15-Sep-09	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Project Description	Has there been a test core done on the feeder pipe?	Have gone to a depth of 750 m. We could possibly drill in the future but whether it is economic is the question. Going underground is expensive.	5.2.1
15-Sep-09	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Project Description	Considering 1 or 2 pits?	Considering 2 pits.	2.6.2
Feb-09	Open House Comment	Participant	Project Description	How long will it take to build? How long will the mining last? How much diamond resource is there?	Construction would take approximately three years and mining would last 20 years or more.	1.0
Feb-09	Open House Comment	Participant	Project Description	What will you do with any salt or potash you might encounter?	At this time we do not anticipate these to be major factors.	5.2.1
Feb-09	Open House Comment	Participant	Project Description	Will there be on-site work camps? Will you use electric power from the proposed James Smith hydroelectric development? Where will the road be?	Could be a camp during construction. Would use electric power from proposed James Smith hydroelectric development, if feasible and working with James Smith Cree Nation, its partners and SaskPower. Location of the road is indicated on the Pre Feasibility Study available on the website and in this EIS.	3.6, 3.7., 3.9
Feb-09	Open House Comment	Participant	Project Description	Are there any economic byproducts possible besides perhaps gravel?	Yes, there may be other minerals in the kimberlite; whether in quantities suitable for economic extraction presently unknown.	2.6.11
Feb-09	Open House Written Comment	Participant	Project Description	Where will you get your electrical power?	SaskPower	2.5.4
14-Jun-10	Open House Comment	Participant	Project Description	Are there any by-products (other than diamond) that could be utilized?	Yes, there may be other minerals in the kimberlite; whether in quantities suitable for economic extraction presently unknown.	5.2.3
14-Jun-10	Open House Comment	Participant	Project Description	They asked how much power the mine would use, where it would come from, how it would be generated and what would the effects be on the rest of the electricity grid.	It is estimated In the Pre-Feasibility Study that electrical nominal and peak demand loads would be 112.8 MW and 123.1 MW respectively. Power would be generated by SaskPower, mainly at its hydroelectric facilities, and would be brought in from existing line to the southeast via a 230 kV single circuit overhead transmission line and stepped down on site to 25 kV. SaskPower monitors the province's present and future power needs on an ongoing basis and plans accordingly.	2.5.4
14-Jun-10	Open House Comment	Participant	Project Description	How big will the pits be?	The Star pit could be up to 3 km in diameter. The Orion South pit and could be up to 2 km in diameter. There could be some backfilling of the Star.	2.6.2



14-Jun-10	Open House Comment	Participant	Project Description	When will construction start?	Construction could start in 2012 or 2013	1.5.5
14-Jun-10	Open House Comment	Participant	Project Description	When will production start?	Production could start in 2015 or 2016.	1.5.5
14-Jun-10	Open House Comment	Participant	Project Description	Will there be a camp?	We do not foresee a camp for production. It is possible that a camp may be required for transient workers during construction.	2.5.6
14-Jun-10	Open House Comment	Participant	Project Description	How do you get the diamonds from the kimberlite?	Autogenous milling.	2.6.3
14-Jun-10	Open House Comment	Participant	Project Description	Will any excess gravel be sold?	Possibly, if economical.	2.6.10
14-Jun-10	Open House Comment	Participant	Project Description	How many diamonds are found in a rock that weighs 10 pounds?	The number of diamonds found in a 10 pound kimberlite rock would vary, but generally speaking, from the Star Kimberlite, there would typically be about 20 very small diamonds, .5mm. Of course, occasionally there would be a larger diamond, which is what would make the mining profitable.	2.4.6
14-Jun-10	Open House Comment	Participant	Project Description	How many diamonds have you found in weight of kilograms?	The weight of diamonds from the Star and Orion South kimberlites would be approximately 2.662 kg from underground test samples.	2.4.6
14-Jun-10	Open House Comment	Participant	Project Description	Are you sure you will be able to find minerals where you are digging?	Yes, we are sure we would be able to find diamonds where we have been digging and where we propose to mine, because our drilling has confirmed the presence of diamonds there.	2.4.6
15-Jun-10	Open House Comment	Participant	Project Description	How far do you dig down when you first dig?	After prestripping the topsoil off of the mine area and setting it aside, on the Star Kimberlite, there would be approximately 300 feet of overburden to be removed before you got to the kimberlite, which you would want to mine. The kimberlite itself could go down about another 600 feet gradually becoming narrower, i.e. a sort of cone shape going down approximately 900 feet. The Orion South Kimberlite would have about 150 feet of overburden to remove before you got to the kimberlite.	2.6.2
15-Jun-10	Open House Comment	Participant	Project Description	Are you mainly working underground or outside?	The mining work would be outside, since it is open pit mining as opposed to underground mining.	2.6.1
17-Jun-10	Open House Comment	Participant	Project Description	Where is the access road going to exit the FaIC? Was it to be paved? Why not go via Division Road?	Division road would be too expensive, requiring major bridge work over English Creek Ravine.	3.6
17-Jun-10	Open House Comment	Participant	Project Description	What is the location of the power supplies (both electricity and gas) lines that would feed the project?	Electrical power from the southeast, natural gas from the North.	2.5.4
17-Jun-10	Open House Comment	Participant	Project Description	How will the project be started (i.e. excavation methodology)?	Top soil prestripping followed by major overburden extraction moved to main overburden pile.	2.5
17-Jun-10	Open House Comment	Participant	Project Description	What is the size of the project?	Less than 4% of the Fort à la Corne forest.	2.4.4
17-Jun-10	Open House Comment	Participant	Project Description	Will the overburden going to be put back into the pit?	It is possible that some overburden from Orion South may be deposited in parts of the Star pit where mining has already occurred.	2.6.2
17-Jun-10	Open House Comment	Participant	Project Description	Diamonds are not a renewable resource.	Noted.	n/a
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Project Description	I'm noticing on display amber-coloured diamonds; is this something found unique to Saskatchewan? In core samples then I don't remember hearing they found this colour/ How rare is it?	You inquired about the amber-coloured diamonds, and whether they are unique to Saskatchewan, or rare. I am advised by our geologists that these are not unique to Saskatchewan. They would describe them as uncommon in kimberlites around the world, but not	2.4.4

					exactly rare. They have generally equivalent value to clear or white diamonds, but sometimes obtain a higher value. They are not as rare as pink diamonds.	
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Project Description	Can equipment be moved on site, without a railway track to plant building area inside For la a Corne forest e.g., electric shovel (40 000) tonne hour) and sizer?	In answer to your second question about whether equipment can be moved on site without a railway track, although arrangements have not yet been made, we would anticipate that equipment could come by rail to Nipawin, and then onto the short line to Choiceland for any assembly required locally at a marshaling area to be created in a location which would then allow the equipment to be positioned on site.	2.5.3
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Project Description	Participants asked how big the construction camp would be.	The construction camp will accommodate a maximum of 700 but average around 350 persons.	2.5.6
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Project Description	There are no guidelines for mining of diamonds.	Noted that there are provisions for establishing site specific criteria for each project.	1.0
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Project Description	Is back up power for the mine anticipated?	We believe the SaskPower system is robust and do not believe there would be a need for back up power. There would be a smaller ancillary power supply available in the event of power failure to keep security systems and emergency services running but not enough to maintain operations. This was accounted for in the feasibility studies.	3.7
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Project Description	What about underground mining at Orion-South?	We don't know the economics of the underground operations so we need to do further assessment to know if this is feasible. We believe that the conditions are not good for underground mining due to the amount of dewatering that would be required. In any case an underground operation, if feasible, would occur in the very distant future.	3.1
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Project Description	Is the total area lost (4400 hectares (ha)) going to be bermed?	Yes, the 4400 ha would be off limits to other users subject to project approvals.	2.6.13
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Project Description	What is the location of Caution Creek?	The location was shown on a map to be NW of the overburden pile.	5.2.6
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Project Description	How close is the footprint from the Saskatchewan River and will access to the river be restricted?	The overburden pile would go over the existing Lars Road which provides access to the Saskatchewan River currently. This road would be re-aligned so that access to the north side of the River was maintained. The Star pit would be the closest mine facility to the river and the top of the pit slope would emerge 500 meters from the top of the riverbank. We acknowledge that this is close, which is one of the reasons why we would backfill this pit on the south end of the pit slope first to contribute to the stability of the bank. Clifton Associates are studying the stability of the overburden pile.	2.1
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Project Description	Would the entire site be fenced? Or bermed? Where exactly would the fencing/berming take place and how big would the buffer be between facilities and the berm. What exactly would the berm be like?	The entire site would likely be bermed using natural material pushed up into a large berm. This could then be used during reclamation as a seed source. The exact location of the berm and buffer has not been determined but would roughly follow the facility outlines.	2.6.13
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Project Description	Are pipelines going to be above ground or below ground?	Unsure at this time. As a follow up to this question, the plan is to have both above and below ground pipelines depending on maintenance requirements. Also, all pipelines will be removed at closure.	2.6.5

26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Project Description	Is there a chemical reaction of the kimberlite once it is brought to the surface?	The kimberlite weathers and can release metals; we are currently conducting long term leaching tests in the lab. Kimberlite neutralizes acid.	5.2.3
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Project Description	What is the OB (over burden) chemistry?	The till is high quality reclamation material. The shale is saline and has high sodium levels (sodic) due to its deposition in a marine environment. The shale would be buried in the middle of the OB pile.	5.2.3
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Project Description	Would the sodic shale bind up metals?	Not expected at this point. The shale would be in the middle of the OB pile, and not in contact with the processed kimberlite.	5.2.3
2010	Open House Comment	Participant	Roads, Traffic and Access	Will you bus employees to work at the mine site?	This is not currently anticipated, although it may be and economic opportunity for another party to pursue.	6.4.1
2010	Open House Comment	Participant	Roads, Traffic and Access	How will you get big equipment to the site without a railway line to the site?	Equipment will be off-loaded at the Choiceland and loaded onto trucks to be transported to the mine site.	6.4.1, 2.5.3
20-Feb-07	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Roads, Traffic and Access	There was a question about the access road to site.	Current access narrow and winding. Traffic levels associated with the development and operation of mine would require a new or improved road; would reduce accidents and encounters with wildlife.	2.5.3
20-Nov-07	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Roads, Traffic and Access	Are you going to speak to access improvements on roads?	Shore has discussed slight straightening of Shipman trail with SE for safety reasons.	2.5.3
15-Jan-08	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Roads, Traffic and Access	How are we accessing the proposed hole in the north FalC?	Old Smeaton trail crossing from White Fox ice crossing using the old road.	n/a
25-Jun-08	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Roads, Traffic and Access	If there was rail access, where would it be?	It would probably go north to Smeaton and then east to Choiceland and onto Nipawin. It might make removal of gravel economic. Have not ruled out rail something to seriously look at and possible on the economics the short line.	6.4.1, 2.5.3
3-Feb-09	Open House Comment	Participant	Roads, Traffic and Access	If there was bussing, where might the pick-up points be?	Closest pick-up points are Nipawin and Fairy Glen. No plans for Tisdale. No plans to instruct employees where they may live; planned reduction of employees.	6.4.1
1-Sep-09	E-Mail	DDAC: City Of Melfort	Roads, Traffic and Access	Concerned about the East Access to site - (Melfort residence) the condition of the Division Road and prospect of upgrading	Division road may not be our main access road but it could still be used to access site.	2.5.3
7-Jan-10	Letter	DDAC: City of Melfort	Roads, Traffic and Access	Would like to see bussing of employees from South of the Saskatchewan River, to site, even if collection point was north of Melfort, at Fairy Glen.	Noted	6.4.1
8-Jan-10	Letter	DDAC: Development	Roads, Traffic and Access	Sent letter outlying interests of City of Melfort. No environmental concerns but social concerns with east road into site. What it maintained and upgraded.	Noted	6.4.1
12-Jan-10	Meeting Comment	DDAC: City of Melfort	Roads, Traffic and Access	No issues from Council with respect to the review process and physical environment. Comments on the social environment: the City of Melfort has many public amenities to offer ...not requesting a transfer of property tax (such as potash mines near Esterhazy) we request Shore Gold implement a bussing program with access south of the Saskatchewan River (as it was during exploration on Orion). Also request that the Ministry of Environment maintain the east access road and undertake necessary capital upgrades, for the safety of employees and family members.	Shore indicated that the use of Melfort with respect to bussing were noted and would be kept in mind; no decision on bussing has been made.	6.4.1, 3.6
12-Jan-10	Meeting Comment	DDAC: Village of Whitefox	Roads, Traffic and Access	Concern about traffic issues when bringing in equipment. Hope the railway will be used.	Shore commented that it intended to use the railway as much as was feasible, and the discussions had occurred with Torch River Rail in that regard.	6.4.1
12-Jan-10	E-mail	DDAC: Town of Nipawin	Roads, Traffic and Access	Concerned about access roads, possible loss of habitat.	Detailed in the EIS.	2.5.3, 6.4.1

16-Jan-10	Verbal	DDAC: Village of White Fox	Roads, Traffic and Access	Concern about traffic issues when bringing in equipment. An expression of preference that the railway will be used;	Shore commented that it intended to use the railway as much as was feasible, and the discussions had occurred with Torch River Rail in that regard.	2.5.3, 3.6, 6.4.1
Feb-09	Open House Comment	Participant	Roads, Traffic and Access	Is there any lands dispute going on?	There are no land disputes involving Shore. Muskoday First Nation objects to the way in which its Treaty Land Entitlement selection was handled by the province, and is suing the province in that regard.	4.4.1
Feb-09	Open House Comment	Participant	Roads, Traffic and Access	Will roads for hunters be improved?	Shipman Trail will be upgraded. No other roads will be changed.	2.5.3
Feb-09	Open House Comment	Participant	Roads, Traffic and Access	Could rail be extended to the mine?	A rail line to the mine site is not planned.	6.4.1
24-Jun-10	Open House Comment	Participant	Roads, Traffic and Access	Question about road? busing? camp?	Detailed in the EIS.	2.5.3, 6.4.1
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Roads, Traffic and Access	Bussing to and from the site was felt to be positive (it is not considered part of the project currently) and could present an economic opportunity. Participants suggested that a park and ride system could be established in a nearby community and workers could be bused from these points. It was mentioned that the parking lot (with electrical plug ins) at the insurance agency in Meath Park was used during exploration in this way.	Noted.	2.5.3, 6.4.1
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Roads, Traffic and Access	A suggestion was made that during this time when Saskatchewan has committed to reducing its Green House Gas emissions that Shore Gold should look at providing bus transportation for workers to get to the mine site. Other benefits would include greater work attendance and reducing wildlife collisions/kills.	It was clarified that during the exploration phase bussing was used because the roads were not considered safe enough for all workers to use their personal vehicles.	6.4.1
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Roads, Traffic and Access	Others suggested that carpooling could also be encouraged and that shift changes could be scheduled when other traffic such as school buses would not be on the Highways.	Noted.	6.4.1
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Roads, Traffic and Access	The RM of Torch River has been involved in discussions with Shore Gold and the province about road access to the mine site.	Noted.	6.4.1
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Roads, Traffic and Access	Highway bypassing smaller communities was considered negative by participants. There is more potential for people to stop for small business goods and services when roads go near or through towns.	Noted.	6.4.1
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Roads, Traffic and Access	Increased traffic is welcome.	Noted.	6.4.1
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Roads, Traffic and Access	Municipalities could develop "super grid" roads to handle heavy truck traffic such as the White Star Road that runs from Shellbrook to Highway 55 and then east.	Noted.	6.4.1
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Roads, Traffic and Access	From Meath Park to Nipawin there are spring road bans in May and June.	Noted.	6.4.1
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Roads, Traffic and Access	Traffic will be less of a negative effect on roads than it was during exploration when there were poorer road conditions to the mine site.	Noted.	6.4.1
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Roads, Traffic and Access	Participants asked if Division Road would be used as access to the mine site.	It was clarified that access to the mine site from Division Road would not be restricted, but that it will not be upgraded as the main access road to the mine site. Division Road could not be used as the main access road to the mine site is that there is a steep ravine at English Creek (Division Road East) that would need to have an upgraded bridge crossing to accommodate heavy truck traffic and would be many times more costly than the Shipman Trail option. The Shipman Trail option was also the shortest route which minimizes disturbance. Using the main (Shipman Trail) access only adds another 6 minutes in travel time for someone	2.5.3, 3.6

					traveling from Melfort to the mine site than to travel to the mine site from Division Road (East), taking differing traveling speeds into account.	
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Roads, Traffic and Access	There was a discussion about cost sharing the costs of constructing the road to the mine site.	Shore Gold stated that cost sharing the road construction between the province, rural municipality and the company would be beneficial and that some arrangements could be made for any additional portion that Shore Gold might pay up front to be recouped with a tax arrangement/deferral with the RM. Overall the maintenance of the road from Highway 55 to the mine road will be the ongoing responsibility of the rural municipality which will be possible given the substantially increased industrial taxes paid to the local municipality.	2.5.3, 6.4.1
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Roads, Traffic and Access	A participant asked how much money would be needed to pave the road from Highway 55?	This would be approximately \$20 million.	2.5.3
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Roads, Traffic and Access	There was a suggestion that the province look at revenue sharing with other municipalities to handle road and other service infrastructure that could be needed as a result of the project.	It was stated that Shore Gold will pay taxes as directed by provincial and local authorities, and tax policy was a question for those authorities. It was stated that since some rural municipalities may have more residents as a result of new jobs and economic activities, they would benefit from the taxes paid by these new residents.	6.4.1
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Roads, Traffic and Access	Municipalities stated that this world wide attention (to the mine site interpretive centre) would be welcomed. The downside to this attention would be that not all the visitors to the FALC would use the paved roads and this could stress the ability of the rural municipalities to maintain roadways. There will need to be a way to accommodate this use of the road infrastructure. Also more traffic will affect wildlife in FALC. When the session host asked if cutting off access would be a reasonable mitigation measure, it was stated that this should not be used as it would be offensive and that people should be allowed to freely access the FALC. The appropriate mitigation would be to use buses to shuttle tourists to the interpretive centre.	Noted.	3.6
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Roads, Traffic and Access	Suggestions were made to have speed limits in place on the main access and site roads using Parks Canada policies as a guideline.	Noted.	3.6
20-Nov-07	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Socio-economics	Social economics assessment done?	Suggest social economics are done collectively.	6.4.1
15-Jan-08	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Socio-economics	Does Saskatchewan have infrastructure for diamond mine?	Yes, although some work will have to be done - power, road work, rail line work will have to be completed. Gravel to leave the site, overburden. Beneficial that the diamond mine will be in central Saskatchewan because we have availability to roads and railway all year.	2.0
15-Jan-08	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Socio-economics	Is there any business capacity not provided in Saskatchewan?	Most of the services have been found locally. Saskatchewan already has mining so the business has been provided for local contractors. Shore Gold will want to use local people.	6.4.1
15-Sep-09	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Socio-economics	Are there Federal royalties?	No. The Feds charge resource companies various taxes, mainly corporate income tax.	6.4.1
15-Sep-09	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Socio-economics	Property taxes. Is there any discussion about this ...what is to be paid out to municipalities?	No discussion with us. We will pay whatever taxes are levied on us. There will be a levy of municipal and school taxes to the RM of Torch River and the Northeast School Board respectively. There has been a 5 year tax holiday from Torch River that will end next year. Shore paid a small amount of about \$10K per	6.4.1

					year to the municipality.	
7-Jan-10	Letter	DDAC: City of Melfort	Socio-economics	Noted Melfort has "terrific public amenities that will greatly enhance your success in attracting required skilled labour."	Noted	6.4.1
Feb-09	Open House Comment	Participant	Socio-Economics	Will Melfort turn into another Fort McMurray with all its attendant problems? How much money will be spent in the local area? What is the value of the total property? Where will people live during the construction and operation? Why did you have layoffs?	Existing infrastructure in the region make the project different than Fort McMurray. There are many communities in which people can live which would welcome expansion. Local purchasing and contracting would be encouraged wherever feasible. The capital cause of the mine would be in excess of \$1.5 billion. People would live in the region, except during construction when some temporary workers could be housed in a camp. Layoffs occurred in early 2009 when major exploration activities were completed. Socio-economic effects will be assessed in the EIS.	6.4.1
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Socio-economics	Communities are anxious to expand services if required to accommodate additional demands for services including housing.	Shore is appreciative of the desire of communities to work with the company as required to accommodate workers, families and businesses.	6.4.1
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Socio-economics	The RM of Buckland is interested in developing more industrial property.	Shore is appreciative of the desire of communities to work with the company as required to accommodate workers, families and businesses.	6.4.1
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Socio-economics	Any new families in smaller communities would be very welcome. Municipalities wanted to know what they could do to attract people to their communities.	Shore is appreciative of the desire of communities to work with the company as required to accommodate workers, families and businesses.	6.4.1
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Socio-economics	Schools have lots of capacity. In the past schools and hospitals in the smaller communities have been closing from lack of enrollment/use.	Shore is appreciative of the desire of communities to work with the company as required to accommodate workers, families and businesses.	6.4.1
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Socio-economics	People will make their own choices about where they will live in the region. There was discussion about the assumptions made about percentages that would likely move to towns/cities versus rural areas and smaller villages.	Shore is appreciative of the desire of communities to work with the company as required to accommodate workers, families and businesses.	6.4.1
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Socio-economics	Young people could return to work in the region.	Shore is appreciative of the desire of communities to work with the company as required to accommodate workers, families and businesses.	6.4.1
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Socio-economics	The mining labour force is very mobile. Young workers are more likely to want more services and live in communities with services.	Shore is appreciative of the desire of communities to work with the company as required to accommodate workers, families and businesses.	6.4.1
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Socio-economics	Doctor shortages were mentioned as an issue for Nipawin and that this was a concern until recently, when new doctors were recruited into the community. It was stated that while there are now enough doctors, they don't tend to stay in small towns for long and that the regional health authority should continue with recruitment and retention strategies for long term service stability.	Noted.	6.4.1, 5.4.1
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Socio-economics	It was asked if rural areas would be able to handle emergency response incidents.	It was stated that there will be on-site emergency response equipment and a nurse at all times required by regulations.	5.4.1
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Socio-economics	Schools need more students. Many schools and hospitals in the region have been closed.	Shore would like to see the project contribute to the viability of community infrastructure.	6.4.1

26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Socio-economics	There should be recognition that there could be issues with training and lack of funds for emergency response crews as pressures are being felt in other regions in Western Canada.	Shore would like to see the project contribute to the viability of community infrastructure.	6.4.1
21-Oct-08	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Soils	Since there would be 40 meters of sand excavated for open pit, what will be the long term effect of wind erosion? Will there be sand storms?	Fort a la Corne forest has stabilized sand dunes within it. Fort a la Corne forest water table near surface with 1-1 meters down; the soil is moist which favours revegetation. We would pile sand in one spot and there is the potential to use the clay and till excavated after the sand as a cap. There may be some wind erosion in active areas; minimized by progressive reclamation. Any area that will not be used any longer will be reclaimed as soon as possible	6.2.1
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Soils	How are you going to minimize or prevent erosion during clearing and on the piles?	Progressive reclamation and engineered piles .	6.2.1
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Temporary Accommodations and Housing	Availability of temporary accommodations in the region and in particular along the Highway 55 corridor was discussed. It was stated that the RM of Garden River has many lots and that there are many empty farm yards in the region with water and power services that could be used. Regenerating use of these farm yards would be considered positive. It was stated that there are no restrictions in local bylaws to using abandoned farm yards for temporary accommodation sites. Local municipalities encourage rural subdivision.	Noted.	5.4.1
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Temporary Accommodations and Housing	Participants also felt that area lakes would be an incentive for use of temporary accommodations in close proximity.	Noted.	5.4.1
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Temporary Accommodations and Housing	Mobile home parks were used when the dams were built on the Saskatchewan River. It is expected that this may also happen during mine construction. In the summer it is expected that some of the workers may choose to live at regional parks.	Noted.	5.4.1
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Temporary Accommodations and Housing	If First Nations people who now live off reserve want to move back to the reserve and work at the mine, this could exacerbate current housing shortages on reserves.	Noted.	5.4.1
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Temporary Accommodations and Housing	Kinistino developed a new subdivision in anticipation of this project.	Noted.	5.4.1
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Temporary Accommodations and Housing	Affordable housing is available.	Noted.	5.4.1
05-Feb-09	Open House Comment	Participant	Terrestrial	Some number conflict (1.76% of FALC area, OR 2.3% - 3%) to be occupied by mine site.	The area of the FaIC Forest is 132,502 hectares (from the Provincial Forest Draft integrated Forest Land Use Plan, 2005) so the proposed project footprint (3,000 to 4,000 ha depending on Orion South) represents about 2.3 to 3.0% of the total forest.	2.0
12-Jan-10	Letter	DDAC:Town of Nipawin	Terrestrial	The main issue is the open pit mine and the amount of land it will encompass. Otherwise they will have to follow strict guidelines set out by governments.	Noted.	2.0
12-Jan-10	Letter	DDAC:Town of Nipawin	Terrestrial	Concerned about overburden/large tailings piles	Noted.	6.2.1
12-Jan-10	Letter	DDAC:Town of Nipawin	Terrestrial	Concerned about storage and care of ore removed from pit.	Noted.	2.0
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Terrestrial	How does a drop in stream flow affect terrestrial habitat?	Effect is accounted for in EIS- would increase area of dry habitats at the tops of the hills, and reduce area of 'fresh' habitats in the upper slopes.	6.3.2
12-Jan-10	Meeting	DDAC	Traditional Land Use	Where does the Traditional Knowledge (TK) fit in?	Proposed agreements with First Nations and Métis on	6.4.2

	Comment				TK collection have been discussed. We have recently had a series of positive meetings.	
12-Jan-10	Meeting Comment	DDAC: Métis Nation Saskatchewan – Eastern Region II	Traditional Land Use	Indicated environmental concerns would be raised by them separately with the Crown within the duty to consult process. Elders and traditional land users (e.g. hunters that come home from Alberta)	Noted.	6.4.2
12-Jan-10	Meeting Comment	DDAC: Métis Nation Saskatchewan – Western Region II	Traditional Land Use	Western Region II- Métis Nation Aboriginal Traditional Knowledge (ATK) and Traditional Land Use (TLU) are activities that will come out in the (environmental impact assessment) process. TLU e.g. hunting, as well as cultural connection to the land is important.	Noted.	6.4.2
16-Jan-10	Verbal	DDAC: Métis Nation — Saskatchewan Western Region II	Traditional Land Use	Indicated that Aboriginal Traditional Knowledge and Traditional Land Use are activities that will be raised in the environmental impact assessment process. Indicated traditional land uses such as hunting and cultural connection to the land were important issues.	Noted.	6.4.2
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Traditional Land Use	First Nations used the area before. Have they been included when completing all of the surveys?	Reputable consultants were used for all work. As a follow up to the question posed, note that the archeology and fisheries surveys included Aboriginal crew members, and potentially others.	6.4.2
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Traditional Land Use	How will the traditional land use (TLU) studies, once complete, feed into the baseline surveys? Can they be incorporated later on? Can the results of the TLU studies be used in the determination of effect if they are completed after the submission of the EIS?	Efforts will be made to incorporate this information whenever possible. Results obtained after submission of the EIS can be incorporated as a supplemental information filing, and used throughout reclamation planning in the project to help re-establish vegetation communities that support traditional activities.	6.4.2
20-Feb-07	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Vegetation	Grape Ferns - what are they and do they have the potential to stop development?	A rare plant. SMOE suggested trying to move it to a similar environment. SG actively mapping region. Hopefully will not stop development.	5.3.2
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Vegetation	How will rare and endangered be impacted by changes in groundwater?	Effects still under consideration, however rare and endangered plants are dependent on specific microhabitats, no new habitat types will be created, and changes will be within the existing range of variability in the forest.	6.3.2
30-Jan-07	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Water resources	How will Shore keep water out of the open pits?	A series of pumps surrounding the pits will remove groundwater, and in pit pumps will remove surficial runoff water.	2.6.9
30-Jan-07	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Water resources	Is there any technology available to map which aquifers we'll be affecting?	Yes, the aquifers are contained within geological units which can be mapped from core drilling.	5.2.7
15-May-07	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Water resources	If you dig and hit water what effect will it have?	Summary of Glacial History Methodology of Geology Program (Jared Galenzoski) Very little effect on water flow because it is a regional feature.	5.2.7
15-May-07	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Water resources	How do you use pressure ranges to determine flows?	The pump well draws down effects over time.	5.2.7, 6.2.6
15-May-07	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Water resources	What is the deepest well?	It is 350m in the stratographic layer	5.2.7
15-May-07	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Water resources	What is the draw down at pumping rate?	It is minimal, need to make models from water pumping	5.2.7, 6.2.6
15-May-07	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Water resources	How long does it take to replace the water?	The rate is unknown at this time. There are different zone influences and boundary conditions.	6.2.6
15-May-07	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Water resources	What is the Zone of Influence?	Government regulations state that you cannot influence over 100 miles away from test site.	5.2.7
15-May-07	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Water resources	What is the influence on an open pit?	An open front will discharge water and will affect local aquifers. They will find a way around this by assessing the pump test and determine what conditions are in the area. Water quality information - on the surface there was not change but did increase in salinity. Mannville -	5.2.7, 6.2.6



					stayed constant throughout, pumped into holding cells to keep it out of the mines. Most wells for livestock and potable water are usually 20-30m deep. They will be doing testing to see how far away wells would be affected.	
15-May-07	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Water resources	Will there be effect on the South side of the river?	The shallow aquifers will not be affecting on the south side of the SK River because the river valley cuts off the surface aquifer. Shore has identified all wells within a 20km radius of site through SK Watershed Authority data. The modeling that we will be doing will determine the radius of impact of potential dewatering operations.	5.2.7, 6.2.6
15-May-07	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Water resources	Do you monitor wells to the North of the site, like privately owned wells?	Shore consultant identified specific wells and monitored water quality prior to pumping test. Shore will do follow-up water quality analysis on these wells.	5.2.7
15-May-07	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Water Resources	There are known artesian wells in the vicinity of Hwy 55 - will a potential mining operation affect these wells?	Looks at ground water model and assess if impact on these wells. Will bring hydro geological info to DDAC when Shore receives.	6.2.6
15-May-07	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Water resources	The SK River is close to the Star formation; when the mine starts will the water flow into it?	With open pit mine geology of area is such that water will not flow from mine into river.	5.2.7, 6.2.6
15-May-07	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Water resources	What is the preferred method of stopping water flow into the mine?	Number of technologies used in mining: freeze wall technology - stops water inflow; expensive and for small areas interceptor wells - around pit and water discharged into another area. Waiting for data from pump test. Any discharge into SK River regulated by DFO.	2.6.9
20-Nov-07	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Water resources	Is water coming into the shaft or is it cased? Is there an environmental program on site?	Naturally occurring ground water is coming into the shaft from deep (1300m deep) confined Mannville aquifer. Yes, there is an environmental program on site.	5.2.7
20-Nov-07	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Water Resources	Orion South water management is there a treatment process?	No. The water produced is naturally occurring and slightly above total dissolved solids criteria. It does not contain anything that warrants treatment.	5.2.7
20-Nov-07	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Water Resources	Where is this water coming from?	It is coming from the deep (300m deep) confined Mannville aquifer. Water quality in the Mannville is not good enough for use as drinking water. Domestic water wells in the area are 50 to 100 feet deep.	5.2.7
20-Nov-07	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Water Resources	How far north is the Mannville aquifer?	It extends all the way west to Albert, and north at least to Candle Lake	5.2.7
20-Nov-07	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Water Resources	What type of head pressure is in? the aquifer?	Approximately 80 m.	5.2.7
25-Jun-08	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Water Resources	Is the proposed dam upstream or down stream from the site?	There are a number of possible sites. Our understanding is that these sites are west (upstream) of the mine site.	9.0
25-Jun-08	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Water Resources	Downstream potential of a reservoir?	Banks have to be sufficiently high at that point.	9.0
21-Oct-08	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Water Resources	Updates on hydrogeology studies?	We are currently conducting a combined hydrogeology and geology study on site to update existing information. The consultants are requesting additional data. We are hopeful that the final report will be released in early 2009	5.2.7
21-Oct-08	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Water Resources	Will the environmental assessment for the hydro dam affect Shore?	Environmental assessment process on hydro dam is determined by the government. Hydro dam can be placed so there is no interference with diamond mining	9.0
20-Jan-09	Meeting	Village of Love, DDAC	Water resources	At the January 20, DDAC meeting a question about how the potential mine might affect wells in the area.	We would be using water not fit for human consumption, from lower levels. Well water would not be used, or affected. Continuous monitoring of water	6.2.6

05-Feb-09	Open House Comment	Participant	Water resources	Water usage: 100,000m3 ?? water extraction from ground, plus 21,000 - 60,000 m3 for processing. At what point does the mine pit provide sufficient water (21,000 - 60,000 m3 per day) to process the ore?	would be in place as well to ensure there was no effect. The detailed water balance is currently being updated based on additional hydrogeological modeling incorporating results from field work conducted in late 2008. The estimate of when required pit-dewatering, alone or in combination with surface water diversion (East Ravine) will meet plant requirement will be determined from this work. If needed to supply the plant, dewatering from lower elevations can be initiated earlier in mining. No water will be withdrawn from the SK River.	5.2.7
02-Feb-09	Open House Comment	Participant	Water resources	One concern would be the effect on local ground water, as all of the area relies on these aquifers for their water source.	We do not believe that the project will have a negative impact on the shallow aquifers used for domestic wells, but certainly this is something that will be closely monitored and in the very unlikely event there was such an impact, it would be over several years and mitigation measures employed. The federal government is conducting a comprehensive review of water issues	6.2.6
15-Sep-09	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Water resources	What about the long term leaching of processed kimberlite? Kimberlite has lots of organic qualities. What is the reason for the high levels of aluminum, etc?	Acid base analysis has been done and kimberlite is relatively benign; not acid generating. Processed kimberlite is high in magnesium. Aluminum is naturally occurring in this area from glacial till.	5.2.3
15-Sep-09	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Water resources	What is the water in flow?	Don't recall, but in the technical report.	5.2.7
15-Sep-09	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Water resources	Not going to drain wells and dugouts in the area (is it)?	No, the public's wells are shallow 250m in depth, and we will be removing water from well below this level.	6.2.6
15-Sep-09	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Water resources	Considering the water pressure would it be practical to freeze?	Probably not because the pit is big and water moving is very difficult to freeze (and that is the situation here). Would have to have a lot of holes.	2.6.9
12-Jan-10	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Water Resources	Garden River Water quality and quantity questions would need to be addressed as part of the environmental assessment.	Effects of the project on water resources will be contained in the EIS.	6.2.7
12-Jan-10	Meeting Comment	DDAC: Village of Weirdale	Water Resources	Water quality and quantity questions would need to be addressed in the EIS.	Effects of the project on water resources will be contained in the EIS.	6.2.7
12-Jan-10	Meeting Comment	DDAC: Town of Nipawin	Water resources	The report addresses run off and the plans in place to avoid contamination of the Saskatchewan River. Pollution of the Saskatchewan River and surrounding ground water would be a concern as we are downstream. Increased pollutants in the water could adversely affect fishing and the tourism we have promoted in the area.	Effects of the project on the Saskatchewan River will be contained in the EIS.	6.2
12-Jan-10	Meeting Comment	DDAC: Village of Smeaton	Water Resources	Water: where does it come from and where does it go? Twenty-five years from now what do we have to look at? Who leads this discussion ...is it the communities, Shore?	The broader community will determine the outcome...The Environmental Assessment Act requires a closure and reclamation plan to be submitted by Shore to the government. The Reclaimed Industrial Sites Act requires that to develop a project, a bond must be posted which will create a fund in perpetuity to provide for reclamation 75 years and 100 years from now. The fund will be posted as required by legislation and regulation by the company for normal events and for unforeseen events. A proposed land end use plan needs to be proposed at this stage for Star-Orion South. As we move forward there will be ways to alter plans for reclamation. The plan will be updated and revised at regular intervals as more information	2.7, 6.2, 8.0

12-Jan-10	Verbal	DDAC	Water Resources	What area would be affected by the dewatering of the pit; what would be the dewater depression?	becomes available. The Mannville Aquifer (the brackish water) at 350 meters depth will be affected for 20 to 30 Km. We have not identified any users of this water, i.e. water of that poor quality at that depth. Surficial aquifers will have a 10 Km dewatering depression. The final results of the studies will be available soon for us to look at.	5.2.7, 6.2.6
12-Jan-10	Verbal	DDAC:Town of Nipawin	Water Resources	Concern about ensuring water runoff does not contaminate the Saskatchewan River, streams and surrounding groundwater; protection of fishing and tourism	Effects of the project on the Saskatchewan River will be contained in the EIS.	6.2
12-Jan-10	Verbal	DDAC:Town of Nipawin	Water resources	Concerned about storage and treatment of process water and/or seepage water into pit.	Effects of the project on the Saskatchewan River will be contained in the EIS.	2.6
16-Jan-10	Verbal	DDAC: R. M. of Garden River	Water resources	Water quality and quantity questions would need to be addressed as part of the environmental assessment.	Effects of the project on the Saskatchewan River will be contained in the EIS.	5.2.7, 6.2.7
16-Jan-10	Verbal	DDAC: Village of Weirdale	Water resources	Water quality and quantity questions would need to be addressed.	Effects of the project on the Saskatchewan River will be contained in the EIS.	5.2.8, 6.2.7
16-Jan-10	Verbal	DDAC: Village of Smeaton	Water resources	Participant expressed a desire to know where water used would come from, and where it would go. The area affected by dewatering of the pit and whether there would be a "dewatering depression" was seen as issues related to water. Felt that remediation plans for the future were important. Would like to see and use plans for post-mining, e.g. ski hill on overburden pile.	Effects of the project on the Saskatchewan River will be contained in the EIS.	5.2.7
Feb-09	Open House Written Comment	Participant	Water Resources	What, if any, effect would there be on local groundwater?	It is believed that the effect would be minimal, as described in the EIS, but any effect would take years and continual monitoring would be in place and appropriate arrangements made with water users in the event, felt unlikely, that local water use was impacted.	6.2.6
Feb-09	Open House Comment	Participant	Water resources	How will the open pit be dewatered? Where will that water be stored? What will you do with any gravel from excavation?	Pumps would be used around the open pits, groundwater and surface show water accommodated in a reservoir until used by processing. Gravel would be piled separately.	2.6.9, 2.6.10
Feb-09	Open House Comment	Participant	Water resources	Will our well water be diminished by your water use? Where will the water for processing come from? How will it be managed? Will you take water from the Saskatchewan River? Will the Saskatchewan River flow into the open pit? Will water from the open pit flow into the Saskatchewan River? Will water from the processing facility flow into the Saskatchewan River? What will the quality of the water be? Will there be seepage underground as between the open pit and the Saskatchewan River? Where will the process water be discharged to? Will the river bank be stable when the open pit is created?	As above, it is not felt that local water use would be diminished. Groundwater from deep sources not used for human use could be used for processing. It would be placed in reservoir until used. It is not planned to take water from the Saskatchewan River. The River would not flow into the open pit; water from the open pit would not flow into the River. Water from the processing facility might be released into the River once treated and of good quality. It is not felt that underground seepage between the open pit and the Saskatchewan River would pose a problem. The riverbank would be stable.	2.6.9, 5.2.7, 6.2.6
14-Jun-10	Open House Comment	Participant	Water resources	There was a concern about erosion from the overburden pile with washouts entering surface water streams and entering the Saskatchewan River.	The overburden pile would be contoured and vegetated to prevent erosion.	2.6.4
14-Jun-10	Open House Comment	Participant	Water resources	Is there much water in the units exposed by the pit?	A high volume of deep groundwater unfit for human consumption would be constantly removed from around the pits by a series of pumps, along with surficial water removed by surface bumps.	5.2.7
14-Jun-10	Open House Comment	Participant	Water resources	Will local wells be affected by the open pits and the dewatering ring(s)?	As above.	6.2.6

14-Jun-10	Open House Comment	Participant	Water resources	Will any of the excess water (from the dewatering wells) be put into the river?	Water from the dewatering pumps would be put into a reservoir in the first instance, and used in the processing plant. It is possible that some water, once cleaned, could be put into the Saskatchewan River, but if so it would be less than 1% of the flow of the river. The federal government is conducting a comprehensive review of water issues.	6.2.4
14-Jun-10	Open House Comment	Participant	Water resources	How much water will be put into the river?	Less than 1% of its normal flow.	6.2.4
17-Jun-10	Open House Comment	Participant	Water resources	As a landowner in the Shipman area, I have a concern about water level changes affecting 3 water wells on our property. One artesian 330 ft well is on SE-9-52-21-1 2. The other two are on NW-25-51-21-1 2. One well is 180 ft small bore, one is 50ft large bore. I need Shore Gold to consider what mine development could potentially cause to happen to these water wells.	In the spring, we visited several landowners in the area to get information on well depth and water supply. Did AMEC (who are Shores environmental consultants) contact you about the well survey? If not, would it be OK for me to forward your contact information to AMEC so that they can collect some more specific information about wells on your property? Please email or give me a call if you have any questions,	6.2.6
17-Jun-10	Open House Comment	Participant	Water resources	How the ground water on one specific farms be influenced?	As above.	6.2.6
17-Jun-10	Open House Comment	Participant	Water resources	One resident from near Shipman was very concerned about reduction in the water level in his deep well such that it no longer was a flowing artesian well (i.e. he had to put a pump in it). He also had a general concern about the amount of groundwater being pumped. He is very interested in participating in the well monitoring program and has a couple of wells that might be good targets to add to the monitoring program.	As above.	6.2.6
17-Jun-10	Open House Comment	Participant	Water resources	Farmer from the Shipman/Smeaton area inquired about what happens to water table in the area near the mine. Owns land near the mine site. Interested in being part of the water study.	As above.	6.2.6
24-Jun-10	Open House Comment	Participant	Water resources	Impact to the Saskatchewan River?	Water from the dewatering pumps would be put into a reservoir in the first instance, and used in the processing plant. It is possible that some water, once cleaned, could be put into the Saskatchewan River, but if so it would be less than 1% of the flow of the river. The federal government is conducting a comprehensive review of water issues.	6.2.6
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Water resources	After the completion of the open pit mines, how will this effect the ground water movement and the direction there-of? As there is no know precedent of a 1000' foot hole in the ground next to a major river, what guarantee do you have the river might end up in your hole and the subterranean which is unstable? This River belongs to all of us both Manitoba and Saskatchewan alike, and needs all the protection it can get.	In answer to your questions as to whether, after mining ceases, the open pit would have a negative effect on groundwater movement, or possibly become a drain on the Saskatchewan River, we can assure you that this would not be the case. With respect to the groundwater, there is a very high volume of groundwater in the area, in fact in a very large area which extends far beyond the mine site. Once mining ceases, and the open pit fills up with groundwater, there would be a very small impact in the immediate vicinity, about 200 m around the open pit, in that the groundwater level would be slightly depressed. Otherwise, groundwater level and groundwater movement would not be impacted. With respect to the Saskatchewan River, one of the requirements of engineering the open pit would be to design a slope which would maintain a land barrier between the River and the open pit. The open pit would	5.2, 6.2

					not be accessible to River water. It would naturally fill up with groundwater. Even in the event that there was no barrier between the River and the open pit, the open pit would not act as a drain on the River, because the open pit would fill with groundwater, and there would be pressure below ground from the groundwater itself. River water would not be able to flow into the ground, once it is already filled with groundwater. It is important for you to know that the federal government has jurisdiction over navigable rivers, and is conducting a comprehensive study as part of its Environmental Impact Assessment of Shore Gold's proposal. The federal authorities will be ensuring that the plans as I have indicated are sound, and the River protected for its users and the provinces through which it flows. If it finds that there are any problems, it would attach conditions to environmental approval of diamond mining to ensure that the environment including waterways was properly protected.	
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Water resources	Pit infilling - need to make sure the overflow into the river is fully described in the EIS.	Noted.	6.2.6
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Water resources	What water quality criteria are we going to use?	No specific guidelines identified for diamond industry- expect similar to mineral industry effluent guidelines. Up to proponent to show that releases are not deleterious- site specific criteria may be appropriate. Use due diligence to ensure that it remains non-deleterious. Any enforcement would consider due diligence and policies if there was an effect.	5.2.7, 5.2.8, 6.2.7, 6.2.8
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Water resources	What about water quality?	Water quality would be tested in selected wells as well.	6.2.8
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Water resources	EIS should consider metals dropping out of water or precipitating out.	Noted.	5.2.3, 6.2.8
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Water resources	Note that Environment Canada (EC) makes a determination whether a substance is deleterious where it enters fish bearing water.	Noted.	6.2.8
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Water resources	How does the pilot water quality compare with the Mannville aquifer water quality in the ecotoxicity estimates?	The exploration plant processed kimberlites in real conditions, including extraction of Mannville aquifer water. So the ecotoxicity testing is representative because it is based on real field data and conditions.	5.2.8
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Water resources	Will there be any thermal stratification of mixing the released water in the Saskatchewan River?	Yes, the Mannville aquifer water is warmer (120C) than surface water. There would be some low thermal effects, but minimal, as the amount of water released into the river would be less than 1% of the flows in the of river. We don't have specific information about the potential effects, but this will be considered in the EIS.	6.2.8
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Water resources	Have you looked at treatment of the water?	Yes. There is really only one option for reducing total dissolved solids (TDS), i.e. reverse osmosis. The cost of this is high, \$1-1.5 per meter cubed of water plus capital, and is not economic. In addition, it does not solve any issues with TDS; it concentrates them into a smaller volume, which then needs special handling.	3.5.4
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Water Resources	Connectivity of the aquifer- is there a potential for poor quality water to get into the other aquifers?	Yes there is the potential for Mannville water to reach other aquifers once the pit is complete, however, backfilling would reduce this potential. There is a connection between the aquifers in the paleochannel in the central part of the FalC; the pits would create a	5.2.7

					connection similar to the one that naturally exists in the paleochannel.	
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Water Resources	Is groundwater flow gradient always downward?	No, the gradient can be any direction depending on flow and pressures in the aquifers. Mannville characteristics- confined, well connected within itself.	5.2.7
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Water Resources	What streams of water are going into the Duke reservoir?	All site water would be managed through the reservoir-process water, dewatering water, and site run-off.	5.2.6
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Water Resources	All streams getting mixed- is there any problem with that?	The water quality of the mixed streams is currently being worked out, as the ground water (GW) model is hot off the press. Ultimately, the answer to the question "is there a problem with that," will be answered by regulators based on the information provided in the EIS.	5.2.8
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Water Resources	Does forestry have guidelines for effluent discharge that could be applicable? Is it OK to use direct discharge in the River?	Victor Diamond Mine in Ontario is discharging lower TDS water using a diffusion structure; model at Victor was completed by the same consultants as we are using. The model shows very long time for lake levels to reach steady state.	6.2.8
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Water Resources	How do you mitigate ground water effects?	The impacts would be expected to appear gradually over a long period of, so we would monitor the effects and get better information for our ground water models. We completed a well water survey in 2009 and will use this information to inform our models. We will continue to discuss appropriate mitigation measures with landowners, which measures include various options. We would mitigate effects to landowners.	6.2.6
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Water Resources	Cluff Lake is pumping in fresh water into a pit to fill it up faster. Would we consider that?	At this time, we are not planning any withdrawals from the Saskatchewan River. If the Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment (SMOE) requests, we will look at it.	6.2.6
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Water Resources	Any monitoring of water quality on wells?	Yes, water quality is monitored on site as part of existing permit conditions, and Shore plans on selecting certain individual privately owned wells for sampling.	6.2.7
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Water Resources	What about Mannville recharge rate? How long will it take to recover?	Mannville is highly transmissive, and recovery is rapid.	5.2.7
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Water Resources	Are all creeks fed by shallow groundwater system?	Yes, the worst case is presented in the EIS on these.	5.2.7
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Water Resources	How will stream flow be affected?	Table in presentation show estimates.	6.2.4
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Water Resources	How many creeks with reduced flow may affect navigability?	Do not expect any significant changes in navigability. The diffuser is planned to be about 70 m from shore and only have a minor effect on navigability. If appropriate, we could mark the end of the pipe.	6.2.5
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Water Resources	Will changes in runoff to the Saskatchewan River affect navigability?	No.	6.2.5
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Water Resources	Would the diffuser structure create weird currents in the River?	No. The discharge pipe would only be expected to have a minor effect on flow. No modeling of the effect.	6.2.5
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Water Resources	Is there an impact on private wells?	There is a potential impact on wells deeper than 100 m based on the modeling.	6.2.4
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Water Resources	Are you considering intake from the Saskatchewan River?	No, not at this time.	3.5
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Water Resources	Is there the option to pump clean water from surficial dewatering to supplement flows?	We are certainly open to ideas for mitigation, as this is one of the objectives of the workshop	3.5
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Water Resources	Need good inventory of wetlands, and minimize impacts to wetlands. Is there a wetland replacement plan/compensation ratio (similar to that used on Hwy 11 of 3 to 1)?	None planned, as there are not regulations for this in mining. Have a wetland proxy system on Nisbet forest.	6.3.3

26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Water Resources	How does TDS accumulate downstream? Other metals?	Detailed mixing model extends 6 km downstream. Effects will be considered in the EIS. If there is not a statistically significant change in water quality in the river, then there should be no change in downstream water quality.	6.2.5
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Water Resources	What options have been explored for treatment of process/Mannville water?	There is really only one option for reducing TDS, i.e. reverse osmosis. The cost of this is high, \$1-1.5 per meter cubed plus capital, and is not economic. In addition, it does not solve any issues with TDS; it concentrates them into a smaller volume, which then needs special handling.	3.5
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Water Resources	Are there any points where the water quality standards, provincial or federal, are exceeded?	Yes, the Mannville water exceeds Saskatchewan surface water guidelines for some parameters, in the immediate area around the discharge point but not the Metal Mining Effluent regulations.	6.2.7, 6.2.8
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Water Resources	Where does the mine get drinking water?	Potable water will be sourced from shallow groundwater wells, and treated for iron, then nanofiltration. We estimate about 50 m3/day of potable water would be required.	2.5.5
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Water Resources	What about total metal loading to the river since there is such a high volume?	Noted and will be addressed in the EIS.	6.2.7
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Water Resources	Will there be a spike in Cl concentrations due to extreme precipitation events?	Sudden increases in Cl concentrations are not expected during extreme precipitation events as the abundance of fresh water would act to dilute the chloride concentrations in the discharge water.	6.2.7
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Water Resources	What about TDS?	TDS in itself is not an issue; the specific components of TDS may cause issues. In this case, Cl was selected as the parameter most likely to have a potential impact on Saskatchewan River quality.	5.2.8, 6.2.7
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Water Resources	Changes from river system to lake system downstream- what are impacts on Codette Lake (stratification, sediment loading and accumulation)?	Noted, and will be addressed in the EIS.	6.2.4, 6.2.5
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Water Resources	Have leaching and spikes due to runoff/precipitation been considered?	Yes, the site is designed to handle appropriate runoff events.	6.2.7
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Water Resources	How were wetlands assessed? Is there a plan for wetland compensation?	Wetlands were assessed as part of the landscape mapping. They were identified as part of this process. There are very few wetlands in the local study area (LSA) and limited habitat that will be lost. There will be new wetland habitat created with the settling ponds, reservoirs and eventually partially filled Star Pit.	5.3.3
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Water Resources	Have the wetlands around the access road been assessed to make sure that the road doesn't have an impact on the flow systems (including underground)?	These were included in the landscape mapping and drainages will be included in road planning.	5.3.3
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Water Resources	In general protection of wetlands and a commitment to future monitoring of wetlands is a concern.	Noted.	n/a
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Water Resources	Is there potential for the road to act like a dam and 'dry out' downstream wetlands?	See comments above.	6.3.3
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Water Resources	What about supplemental flow (pumping) in creeks if the flows are less than XXX? Victor uses this at their headwaters.	We are certainly open to ideas for mitigation, as this is one of the objectives of the workshop.	6.2.4
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Water Resources	What is the mitigation plan if there is drawdown in wells?	There is a potential impact on a small number of wells deeper than 100 m based on the modeling. We would propose a monitoring network to confirm the model predictions. The effects would not be sudden, but would develop over a period of years, and the monitoring would allow time to discuss specific	6.2.6

					mitigation with the land owner. There are several options (new wells, improving old wells, storage, etc.) that may be selected depending on the use and discussions with the land owner.	
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Water Resources	What ways are there to compensate well owners if their wells drop, other than with money?	We would propose a monitoring network to confirm the model predictions. The effects would not be sudden, but develop over a period of years, and the monitoring would allow time to discuss specific mitigation with the land owner. There are several options (new wells, improving old wells etc.) that may be selected, depending on the use and discussions with the land owner.	6.2.6
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Water Resources	What is your confidence level in the model predicting impacts?	Any model has uncertainties, as it estimates a complex geological system. The geological model incorporates site specific data from exploration (over 1500 observations), as well as regional data. There are series of pump tests, slug tests and packer tests on the various geological layers that feed into the model. Shore is 100% confident that this model is conservative and predicts the worst case impacts on groundwater.	6.2.6
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Water Resources	Expect tracking of water quality and sediment sampling as monitoring.	Noted.	6.2.7
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Water Resources	How much effort was made to avoid creek while planning? Specifically, could the 101 ravine have been avoided by making the OB pile smaller? Should explain why the creeks need to be taken out, if it is unavoidable.	The facilities were designed as compact as possible to minimize the footprint while still providing everything needed. The facilities as presented are a "worst case" footprint.	3.4
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Water resources	Please clarify the drawdown lines, unclear in presentations.	Larger figures were shown, and lines were clarified.	5.2.7
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Water resources	Are there blasting impacts on wells?	No, shock waves do not travel well through glacial materials.	6.2.6
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Water resources	What form is the chloride in?	It is dissolved chloride (Cl <sup>-</sup> ); from NaCl, same as table salt.	5.2.7
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Water resources	What about total suspended solids (TSS)?	There is no problem with TSS for the Star Kimberlite but the mineralogy is slightly different for Orion South due to the presence of montmorillite (a swelling clay mineral). As a result there might be more TSS concerns during the mining of Orion South.	5.2.8
20-Nov-07	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Wildlife	Do moose eat hazel brush?	No, they do not prefer it. Moose will browse hazel only if there is no other choice	5.3.3
20-Nov-07	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Wildlife	Looking forward, can you give us an idea on impacts on wildlife from mining?	Deer no effect, moose minimal, elk to be determined; the river system used by elk.	6.3.3
20-Nov-07	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Wildlife	Possibility of re-engineering road should they be curvy or wide for wildlife?	Curvy road has more of a chance of impact; wide and straight roads are better for sight and warning. The recent burn has created travel lanes, minimized effects of roads. In the FaIC road construction has less impact because they can use burns to move.	6.3.3
20-Nov-07	Meeting Comment	DDAC	Wildlife	Evaluation of animals? Hydrogeology	Changes in habits from hunting, etc. Moose coming through farmland because they find more security and comfort. Elk are grassland species maybe they are moving back. Moose do not have many predators in the grassland and with less hunting for food on prairies; this makes grasslands more attractive for moose. Less hunting can mean over population. Hydrogeology in Fort a la Corne area	5.3.3, 5.2.7



17-Jun-10	Open House Comment	Participant	Wildlife	Will the project cause animals to move away from the project.	The FaIC forest is a big place and the proposed mine will only occupy a small portion of this area and that the animals would move away from the mining area into other areas of the forest..	6.3.3
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Wildlife	How many categories were considered in the habitat suitability model and why was only the primary category presented?	There were more categories, the primary categories are considered the most important, or limiting, factor. This critical category was the one used.	6.3.3
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Wildlife	What is an "Island Forest"? What does that mean and how does the FaIC being an Island Forest change how you would manage the wildlife and the Project's impact on the wildlife?	Island forest means it is surrounded by farmland. It also generally gets more use by people, both commercially and recreationally. It does not greatly change how wildlife is managed.	5.3.3
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Wildlife	How much permanent loss of wildlife habitat would there be?	There will be changes of habitat, but permanent loss will be limited to the area of the pit lakes because of reclamation.	6.3.3
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Wildlife	Any permanent loss [of wildlife habitat] is a major concern.	Noted	n/a
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Wildlife	What would the effects be on the wildlife/waterfowl that use the water in the holding ponds? Has the water been compared against drinking water standards since the wildlife would certainly be consuming this water? What would the acute and chronic effects of wildlife being exposed to/ consuming this water be over long periods of time?	There is a lot of water quality data available. We have not compared them to drinking water standards, but have compared them to the guidelines for protection of aquatic life. Some work has been done on acute and chronic effects on species such as trout, daphnia, duckweed, etc.	5.2.8, 6.3.3
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Wildlife	Any ideas on improving wildlife habitat as a result of the project.	There will likely be an increase in riparian areas, wetlands, waterbodies as a result of the project. No specific ideas on improving habitat.	6.3.3
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Wildlife	What is the expected change and impacts to wildlife populations? Would the increased access mean more hunting opportunities? Would this hurt populations and could quotas be changed to compensate for this? Interest expressed in creating a "road corridor game preserve" so there would be no hunting along the new road.	There may be some increased usage due to a better access road. However, there will also be a "no hunting" area around facilities. It would be up to the SMOE to change quotas if required.	6.3.3
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Wildlife	Concern expressed for amphibian populations which could be impacted during construction since amphibian populations are declining worldwide.	Noted	5.3.3
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Wildlife	Questions about the timing of the baseline wildlife surveys and whether they were done at the correct time to get accurate results. Also questions about how many of the surveys were "desktop" surveys done in the office using modeling. Asked whether some surveys were redone or expanded because of the change in the project footprint.	The surveys were timed according to established standards and guidelines. For example, breeding bird surveys were done in spring/early summer. Aerial surveys were done in winter when visibility was highest. Waterfowl, small mammals, ungulate, amphibian, beaver, and raptor surveys were all completed in the field, among others.	5.3
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Wildlife	What % of wildlife disturbance is within the LSA rather than the regional study area (RSA). Would like to see those numbers.	Noted	5.3.3
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Wildlife	Is Shore open to doing more or new wildlife surveys in the future if new information comes up which requires it?	More surveys would be considered if it becomes apparent they are necessary.	6.3.3
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Wildlife	A complete list of species should be included.	A complete list will be included.	5.3.3
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Wildlife	Was any invertebrate sampling completed? How about terrestrial as well as aquatic?	Aquatic invertebrate sampling was completed on many ravines. No terrestrial invertebrate sampling was completed.	5.3.1, 5.3.3
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Wildlife	Was any tissue of sampling of wildlife completed? How about tissue sampling in areas around exploration (kimberlite piles, ponds, etc.)?	There has not been any tissue sampling completed	n/a
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Wildlife	Should be an explanation of the stages/progression of the impact to wildlife over time rather than just a total.	Noted	6.3.3
26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Wildlife	The loss of wildlife habitat was calculated as a proportion of what area?	This is a proportion of the elk, deer and moose management units which is defined as FaIC.	6.3.3

26-Oct-10	Workshop Comment	Participant	Wildlife	Is wildlife habitat loss for each species cumulative or do these areas of loss overlap?	The areas overlap. The total direct loss of habitat would be 4% of FaIC.	6.3.3
12-Jan-10	E-mail	DDAC: Town of Nipawin	Wildlife; Fisheries and Aquatic Resources	Concerned about Impacts on local fish and wildlife.	Noted	6.3.3
16-Jan-10	Verbal	DDAC: Town of Tisdale	Wildlife; Water Resources	Indicated faith in the regulators and a belief that the regulators were quite stringent. Indicated wildlife and water issues would be the most important ones	Noted	n/a

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