

Appendix B

Maze Lake Project Summary

Placer Dome (CLA) Limited

Maze Lake is a gold mineral exploration project operated by Placer Dome (CLA) Limited under an agreement with Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated (NTI). The agreement was signed in April 2003. The project is located 45 km west of Whale Cove and 90 km southwest from Rankin Inlet in the Kivalliq district of Nunavut. The project is on Inuit Owned Lands. A Land Use Permit (KVL203B282) was emitted in 2003 and will expire on the 15th of July 2004. A new Land Use Permit application is being filed. The project is also located on land where some caribou protection measures apply.

Limited exploration work was carried at Maze Lake by Placer Dome in 2003. The field work has taken place from July 19 to August 18. It has consisted in prospecting, geological mapping, rock sampling, soil sampling, lake water sampling and an airborne geophysical magnetic survey. The crew was composed of 1 prospector, 2 Inuit assistants, 3 geologists, a pilot and a part time helicopter engineer. Daily transportation from Rankin Inlet to the site was by helicopter. No camp was established, no water was used and no waste was produced on the project area in 2003.

Placer Dome wishes to continue exploring the Maze Lake Project. For 2004, the plans are to continue the geological mapping, complete the soil and lake water sampling program, carry a ground geophysical survey over two areas and carry diamond drilling on the best targets. Exploration will be supported by one helicopter. Work should take place for 7 to 8 weeks between the 16th of July and 15th of September. Personnel will include 1 cook, 1 helicopter pilot, 1 helicopter engineer, a drilling crew of 5 and between 4 and 6 geological staff (Inuit assistants and geologists).

In order to complete this exploration program, a temporary camp has to be built. The camp will consist of 7 to 8 tents and the kitchen will be a solid wood structure. The camp will be home to 6 or 8 people for the first 3 weeks and 12 people for the next 4 weeks. The planned camp site is located on a poorly drained, flat and sandy area near a large lake.

Water from nearby lakes will be pumped for camp and drill use. Used water will be discharged and contained in sumps, away from lakes and rivers. Waste produced by camp and drilling activities will be burned on site. Non-combustible waste will be taken back to municipal disposal facilities. Fuel will be used and temporary stored in drums at the project site. Storage sites will be in accordance with existing specifications and a spill contingency plan is being prepared. Camp buildings will be removed at the end of the summer program and the camp site restored. All impacts will be kept minimal. Archaeological sites will be protected and reported to authorities. Wildlife will be respected as well as the caribou protection measures.

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