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Ministère de l'Environnement

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RE: NWB FILE # 2BE-GEO- DUNDEE PRECIOUS METALS INC. - GEORGE LAKE PROJECT – AMENDMENT APPLICATION

Dear Ms. Beaulieu:

The Government of Nunavut, Department of Environment (DOE) has reviewed the water licence amendment application from the Dundee Precious Metals Inc. (proponent), and has the following comments and recommendations to make based on the Environmental Protection Act. The DOE therefore requests that the proponent implements the following recommendations based on the Environmental Protection Act and the Wildlife Act regarding spill contingency plan.

DOE believes that the Proponent's requests to have a daily water consumption of up to 140 cubic meters from 100 cubic meters per day and to use water from lakes in the vicinity of the drills rather than just from George Lake are reasonable.

SPILL CONTINGENCY PLAN:

Based on the Government of Nunavut *Spill Contingency Planning and Reporting Regulations* and *A Guide to the Spill Contingency Planning and Reporting Regulations*, the DOE has the following comments to make:

- All fuel storage containers should be situated in a manner that allows easy access and removal of containers in the event of leaks or spills. Large fuel caches in excess of 20 drums should be inspected daily.
- All chemicals should be stored in a safe and chemically-compatible manner a minimum of 90 feet from all bodies of water.



DOE thanks NWB for giving us the opportunity to review and provide comments on Dundee Precious Metals Inc. George Lake Project. Please contact us if you have any further questions or comments.

Yours sincerely,

Original signed by

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