Non-technical summary

Dundee Precious Metals Inc. (DPM) is a Canadian owned mining and exploration company that is actively exploring for precious metals in the Back River District of the Kitikmeot, Nunavut Territory. The Back River exploration project is located approximately 525 kilometres northeast of Yellowknife and is 400 kilometres south of Cambridge Bay. DPM is the operator for the project and is responsible for maintaining all of the project permits. DPM is currently applying for an amendment to its George Lake water license to allow for drilling activities throughout the George Lake claim group. This amendment includes a small increase in the allowable daily volume of water (from 100 m^3 to 140 m^3), as well as the ability to use water from lakes in the vicinity of the drills rather than just from George Lake. Dundee intends to drill exploration targets located in various locations on the George Lake claim group. The water licese currently allows for water use from George Lake only. Several of the targets under consideration are within a radius of up to 10 km from George Lake, rendering water use for the drills impractical as the license currently stands.

A helicopter will be used to fly personnel to and from the area, as well as for drill support. At present, the intention is to base all personnel out of the existing camp at Goose Lake, though the current camp at George Lake may be used for short periods for maintenance, support or in the event of an emergency. No additional buildings will be set up.

One wolf den site is known to exist approximately 2 km north of the camp at George Lake. This site was occupied in 2007, but observations in 2008 did not indicate any signs of usage. Wildlife surveys from 2007 did not indicate any den sites throughout the rest of the claim group, and caribou and muskox surveys throughout the season resulted in the observation of a group of 3 caribou and a separate group of 19 muskox to the northeast of the claim group. These animals were interpreted to be transient, and therefore this activity is not expected to have any significant environmental impacts on animals, nor on the land or water, and no mitigation measures are required. Best practice guidelines to minimize disturbance to wildlife are given in the various licenses which DPM holds, and will be followed in this operation.

Drilling services will be provided by an experienced contractor. Several Inuit employees (number to be determined) will be hired to work at the Goose Lake camp in a supporting role (which may include core splitting, sample shipping, camp maintenance, or equipment operation).