

SUMMARY

The **High Lake Relicensing Program** includes improvements to the camp accommodations and transportation infrastructure at the High Lake site to support ongoing mineral exploration work. The primary objective of the program is to construct:

- a new Weatherhaven tent camp,
- a 1450m gravel airstrip at Sand Lake, and
- a 12-km single-lane gravel road between the camp and airstrip that will be accessible year-round.

With larger aircraft able to land on the airstrip, re-supply of the camp and rotation of crews working in the area will be more efficient and economical. The proposed new camp will provide enhanced safety and comfort for staff staying at the site. The camp will have a modern water and wastewater treatment facility, and will be relocated away from the shoreline of High Lake.

The Relicensing Program will begin in August 2006, with the transport of equipment and supplies via barge to a storage site at Grays Bay. The equipment and supplies will be transported to High Lake by rubber-tracked vehicles in the winter of 2006/2007 on a winter trail. Some equipment and supplies will also be hauled to High Lake via a winter trail from Wolfden's Ulu property during this time.

The construction of the airstrip, camp and access road will be carried out during the spring/summer of 2007. These facilities will be completed and ready for use by late summer 2007, and will remain in use until they are no longer required at the High Lake site. The infrastructure improvements proposed in the Relicensing Program would continue to be used during the future mining phase of High Lake. Mining at High Lake is presently expected to commence as early as 2009.

The camp will be a 70-person, Weatherhaven camp, with sleeping quarters, kitchen, laundry, and a first aid station. Drinking water will come from a nearby lake and treated sewage will be discharged into another non-fish bearing lake.

The new gravel airstrip will be built at the south end of Sand Lake. The gravel for the airstrip will come from a nearby rock quarry and sand and gravel pits.

The all-season gravel road between the airstrip and camp will be constructed using gravel sources along the road, and crushed rock will come a quarry site near the Weatherhaven camp site. The proposed route was chosen to minimize environmental impact.

The overall area of land disturbance has been limited by design to the minimum required for the construction of the planned facilities. Potential environmental effects of each of the Relicensing

Program activities were identified and evaluated by qualified professionals. Wolfden has identified measures to mitigate or manage any potential environmental effects, and will ensure these are implemented over the course of the Relicensing Program.

The construction activity will employ between 125 and 150 persons starting early in 2007. The total investment is in the order of \$20 Million including capital, labour and consumable supplies. Between 25% and 50% of the investment in the project may be assigned to the benefit of Nunavut-based companies and residents, depending on the availability of equipment, supplies and personnel.