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FOR: HOPE BAY GOLD CORPORATION INC.

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Hope Bay Gold and Dundee Precious Metals Renegotiate
Merger: Arrange \$5 Million Financing

MONTREAL, QUEBEC--Hope Bay Gold Corporation Inc. and Dundee Precious Metals Inc. today jointly announce that their previously announced intention to merge has been renegotiated. Accordingly, merger discussions have been suspended and, subject to satisfactory due diligence, the following transactions have been agreed to:

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- i) Dundee will relinquish its right to exchange its \$6.0 million loan to HGC for a 3.5 % net smelter royalty on HGC's portion of the Hope Bay Gold property. In its place, Dundee will be granted the option to convert its loan into 12 million HGC common shares and 12 million HGC long term share purchase warrants having an exercise price of \$0.65 per share. The purchase warrants will expire on July 31, 2003.
- ii) Dundee, either directly or through an assignee, will provide HGC with further equity financing via a \$5.0 million private placement of units at \$0.50 per unit, with each unit consisting of one HGC common share and one HGC short term share purchase warrant having an exercise price of \$0.65 per share and exercisable until January 31, 2001.

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The above transaction are subject to the approval of both HGC and Dundee's Board of Directors and all required regulatory and shareholder approvals. In the event that Dundee is unable to obtain the appropriate approvals, an affiliate of Dundee Bancorp Inc. has agreed to provide the financing.

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Hope Bay Gold Corporation is an exploration company with property interests in Canada and South America; its common shares trade on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol HGC. You can visit our website at www.cambiex.com.

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