

## DUNDEE PRECIOUS METALS ANNOUNCES MAINTENANCE OF THE TSUMEB SMELTER

**Toronto, Ontario, September 15, 2015** – **Dundee Precious Metals Inc.** (TSX: DPM; DPM.WT.A) ("DPM" or "the Company") announces that it has commenced an Ausmelt furnace rebrick at its Tsumeb complex copper concentrate smelter in Namibia.

The shutdown of the primary smelting furnace was initiated on September 12, 2015 in order to replace the refractory sidewall lining. The decision to shut down the smelter was made due to the current availability of necessary resources and to preserve the shell integrity. This shutdown will allow the Company to shift the timing of the 2016 ausmelt furnace maintenance shutdown to mid-year to coincide with the scheduled sulphuric acid plant maintenance shutdown, resulting in lower overall down time for the smelter in 2016.

The previous maintenance shutdown, which occurred in the first half of the year and was originally scheduled for 30 days, was completed in only 19 days. Continued improvements to shutdown management are expected to result in completion of the current shutdown within a similar timeframe.

"The addition of a second maintenance shutdown in 2015 is not expected to significantly impact our 2015 smelter production guidance," said Rick Howes, President and CEO. "Completion of the previous shutdown well ahead of the original timeline has provided us with adequate time to attain the lower end of our previously disclosed full year smelter production guidance."

The acid plant commissioning team completed handover of the acid plant to operations in the first week of August. Commercial deliveries of acid commenced in the second half of August to the Company's customers in accordance with long-term off take contracts.

### **About Dundee Precious Metals**

Dundee Precious Metals Inc. is a Canadian based, international gold mining company engaged in the acquisition, exploration, development, mining and processing of precious metals. The Company's principal operating assets include the Chelopech operation, which produces a copper concentrate containing gold and silver, located east of Sofia, Bulgaria; the Kapan operation, which produces a copper concentrate and a zinc concentrate, both containing gold and silver, located in southern Armenia; and the Tsumeb smelter, a concentrate processing facility located in Namibia. DPM also holds interests in a number of developing gold properties located in Bulgaria, Serbia, and northern Canada, including the Krumovgrad project and interests held through its 50.1% owned subsidiary, Avala Resources Ltd., and its 12% interest in Sabina Gold & Silver Corp.

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