

Dundee Precious Metals Announces Commencement of Annual Tsumeb Smelter Shutdown

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TORONTO, ONTARIO--(Marketwired - Mar 18, 2015) - Dundee Precious Metals Inc. (TSX:DPM)(TSX:DPM.WT.A) ("DPM" or "the Company") announces that it has decided to advance the timing of the annual maintenance shutdown at its Tsumeb complex copper concentrate smelter in Namibia.

The planned shutdown of the primary smelting furnace, originally scheduled for June 2015, was initiated on March 18, 2015 for the annual replacement of the refractory lining. The trigger to advance the shutdown was operability issues associated with unexpected refractory loss in the upper part of the furnace. The maintenance is expected to be completed within the normal 30 day schedule. Advancing the shutdown is not expected to have an impact on the smelter's 2015 production guidance or any activities or timing for the acid plant commissioning.

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 interests held through its 50.1% owned subsidiary, [Avala Resources Ltd.](#), and its 12.1% interest in Sabina Gold & Silver Corp.

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