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Via electronic mail to: info@nirb.ca

Re: Notice of Screening for Dunnedin Ventures Inc.'s "Kahuna Diamond Project" project proposal

Dear Davin St. Pierre,

On January 25, 2016 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) invited parties to comment on Dunnedin Ventures Inc.'s "Kahuna Diamond Project" project proposal. Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) has reviewed the project proposal and related documents and offers the following comments for the NIRB's consideration.

Whether the project proposal is likely to arouse significant public concern; and if so, why;

INAC cannot offer comments on whether the project is likely to arouse significant public concern as consultation(s) with the affected communities have not been conducted by the Proponent, as stated in the NIRB Part 2 Form (PSIR). INAC recommends the Proponent consult any potentially affected communities prior to the commencement of the project. Specifically, INAC recommends the Proponent conduct community consultation session(s) regarding location and safety of the proposed winter trail.

Whether the project is of a type where the potential adverse effects are highly predictable and mitigable with known technology, (please provide any recommended mitigation measures);

The Proponent states in NIRB Part 2 Form (PSIR) that "*the use of helicopters to support diamond drill programs has been the standard practice of exploration companies now and in the past with no impact to wildlife or the environment.*" INAC counters that activities proposed in this project proposal, including helicopter transport and support, do have the potential to produce adverse effects. However, INAC is confident that the potential impacts from the proposed project can be limited, reduced, or avoided through stringent implementation of the Proponent's proposed mitigation measures and adherence to Terms and Conditions from the Authorizing Agencies.

The Proponent proposes a bulk sample of up to 500 tonnes at each of three locations. While the Proponent indicates the sample areas will be re-contoured using replaced overburden material from the same location, INAC also recommends flagging of the sample pit boundaries as necessary, should a safety hazard remain post-contouring.



Indigenous and
Northern Affairs Canada

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et du Nord Canada

INAC appreciates the opportunity to provide comments and looks forward to working with the NIRB and the Proponent throughout the regulatory process related to this project. Should you have any questions, please contact Andrea Markey at (867) 975-4554 or by e-mail at Andrea.Markey@aandc-aadnc.gc.ca.

Sincerely,

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