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Sent via email: kemp_656@hotmail.com

Re: Opportunity to address comments received regarding Dunnedin Ventures Inc.'s "Kahuna Diamond Project – 2016" project proposal

Dear Rick Kemp:

On January 7, 2016 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received a referral to screen Dunnedin Ventures Inc.'s (Dunnedin) "Kahuna Diamond Project – 2016" project proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC or Commission). On January 11, 2016 the NIRB issued correspondence to Dunnedin requesting additional information in support of this proposal and on January 20, 2016 the NIRB received the requested additional information and commenced the screening.

On January 25, 2016 the NIRB circulated a public notice of the screening for this project, inviting interested parties to provide comments directly to the NIRB by February 15, 2016. On or before February 17, 2016 the NIRB received comments from the following interested parties:

- Kivalliq Inuit Association (KIA)
- Government of Nunavut (GN)
- Fisheries and Ocean Canada (DFO)
- Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC)
- Natural Resources Canada (NRCan)
- Transport Canada (TC)
- Aqigiq Hunters and Trappers Organization (HTO)
- Chesterfield Inlet Community Liaison Officer (CLO)

All comment submissions received by the NIRB relating to this project proposal can be obtained from the NIRB's online registry at the following location:

<http://ftp.nirb.ca/01-SCREENINGS/COMPLETED%20SCREENINGS/2015/15EN028-Dunedin%20Ventures%20Inc-Kahuna%20Project/02-DISTRIBUTION/COMMENTS/>.

A *summary* of the public concerns reflected in the comment submissions relate to the following:

- The lack of community consultation and further lack of incorporation of Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit (IQ) into the project proposal;
- The proposed project's spatial and temporal overlap with sensitive wildlife habitats including caribou, bird, and freshwater species and the potential overall impacts to wildlife caused by exploration operations;
- The potential impacts to the Josephine River area, its traditional land use sites, and suspected archaeological sites;
- The potential impacts to traditional land use activities and Inuit harvesting;
- The lack of environmental remediation of past exploration projects in the area; and
- The potential overall impacts to air quality, water quality, soil quality, wildlife, and heritage resources resulting in a noted lack of support for the project proposal from select parties.

The NIRB would like to provide Dunedin with an opportunity to address the comments noted above prior to the Board rendering its determination for this screening assessment and issuing its subsequent Screening Decision Report to the responsible Minister(s). The NIRB respectfully requests that a response be provided directly to the NIRB by **March 4, 2016**.

If Dunedin determines that the time required to supply a written response is significantly greater than 2 weeks, the Board requests written notification and an anticipated date for submission be provided as soon as possible.

Please send any forthcoming submissions directly to the NIRB at info@nirb.ca or via fax at **(867) 983-2594**.

If you have any questions or require clarification, please contact the undersigned directly at (867) 983-4615 or dstpierre@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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