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The Honourable Carolyn Bennett
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Sent via email: minister@aadnc-aandc.gc.ca, carolyn.bennett@canada.ca,
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Re: Extension Request for NIRB Screening of Dunnedin Ventures Inc.'s "Kahuna Diamond Project – 2016" Project Proposal

Dear Ms. Carolyn Bennett:

On January 7, 2016 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received Dunnedin Ventures Inc.'s (Dunnedin) "Kahuna Diamond Project – 2016" project proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission for screening, pursuant to Part 3 of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act* (NuPPAA). Pursuant to subsection 92(4) of the NuPPAA, the NIRB hereby requests that the responsible Minister extend the period for the submission of its written report for the screening of this project proposal, NIRB File No. 15EN028.

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. The public commenting period for this file started on January 25, 2016 and finished on February 15, 2016, at which time the NIRB identified particular concerns raised by parties regarding the potential for ecosystemic and socio-cultural impacts from the proposed project. As a result, on February 19, 2016 the NIRB issued correspondence to Dunnedin requesting a response to comments received. On February 23, 2016 the NIRB received notice from Dunnedin that it expected to provide the response on March 18, 2016.

Please be advised that all information pertaining to the NIRB's screening of this project proposal can be accessed from the NIRB's online public registry at the following location:
<http://ftp.nirb.ca/01-SCREENINGS/COMPLETED%20SCREENINGS/2015/15EN028-Dunnedin%20Ventures%20Inc-Kahuna%20Project/>.

The NIRB is unable to provide its written report for the screening of this project proposal within 45 days as set out in the NuPPAA. The NIRB anticipates that the screening of this project

proposal will be completed by April 1, 2016 at which time a screening decision report will be submitted to the responsible Minister(s) for consideration.

If this request is approved, NIRB understands that the responsible authority will notify the Proponent and the NIRB of the extension.

If you have any questions or require clarification regarding this request, please contact our office toll free at 1-866-233-3033.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ryan Barry". The signature is written in a cursive style and is followed by a long horizontal line that extends to the right.

Ryan Barry
Executive Director
Nunavut Impact Review Board

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