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Re: Screening Decision for Dunnedin Ventures Inc.'s "Kahuna Diamond Project - 2016" Project Proposal, Kivalliq Region, NIRB File No. 15EN028

Dear Ms. Carolyn Bennett:

On January 7, 2016 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received a referral to screen Dunnedin Ventures Inc.'s "Kahuna Diamond Project – 2016" project proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC or Commission) with an accompanying positive conformity determination with the Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan.

Pursuant to section 86 of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act* (NuPPAA), the NIRB commenced screening this project proposal and assigned it file number **15EN028**.¹

Following the assessment of all material information provided, the NIRB has determined pursuant to paragraph 91 of the NuPPAA that Dunnedin Ventures Inc.'s "Kahuna Diamond Project – 2016" project **should be modified or abandoned**.

Accordingly, the NIRB is issuing the attached Screening Decision Report dated April 4, 2016 to the responsible Minister(s). The Screening Decision Report provides, among other things, the regulatory framework, project overview and the NIRB assessment process, factors relevant for determining the significance of impacts, the Board's views and conclusion.

Please note that the project proposal will not be enclosed due to the size of the electronic document and the limited bandwidth. However, an electronic copy of the project proposal is accessible online from the NIRB's public registry using the following link:

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

The NIRB remains available for consultation with the Minister regarding this report as necessary. If you have any questions or require clarification, please do not hesitate to contact the NIRB's Executive Director, Ryan Barry at (867) 983-4608 or rbarry@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



Elizabeth Copland
Chairperson
Nunavut Impact Review Board

Enclosure: Screening Decision Report, NIRB File No.: 15EN028 (April 4, 2016)

¹ The Board notes that the current project proposal constitutes a significant amendment to the previously-screened Kahuna Diamond Project in 2015 and, as such, has been assigned the previous file number for administrative purposes.