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January 18, 2017

Chris Taylor
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Sent via email: ctaylor@dunnedinventures.com

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

Dear Chris Taylor:

On November 9, 2016 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received a referral to screen Dunnedin Ventures Inc.'s (Dunnedin) modified "Kahuna Diamond" project proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC or Commission). On December 8, 2016 the NIRB circulated a public notice of the screening for this project, inviting interested parties to provide comments directly to the NIRB by January 13, 2017.

On or before January 13, 2017 the NIRB received comments from the following interested parties:

- Government of Nunavut (GN)
- Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC)
- Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO)
- Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC)
- Natural Resources Canada (NRCan)

All comment submissions received by the NIRB relating to this project proposal can be obtained from the NIRB's online public registry at www.nirb.ca by using any of the following search criteria:

- Project Name: Kahuna Diamond Project
- NIRB File No.: 15EN028
- Application No.: 125023

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

- The proposed modified project activities have the potential to impact caribou herds and other wildlife species known to overlap seasonally with the project area, however, the Environment and Wildlife Management Plan (EWMP) provided does not reflect the particular vulnerability of select wildlife species and does not contain sufficient detail to determine whether wildlife protection measures are sufficient. Concerns raised during past commenting periods were not appropriately addressed in the updated EWMP and therefore the project application lacked sufficient information to assess potential adverse impacts on wildlife habitat or Inuit harvesting activities;
- Unclear whether adequate community consultation was conducted and whether public concerns were addressed in the design of the updated EWMP;
- Archaeological studies conducted to-date do not preclude the presence of unidentified sites, recommend that the Proponent conduct additional studies;
- Requests for additional project information such as: a confirmation on the potential requirement of an explosives storage licence, a community consultation summary, and various details pertaining to proposed activities, impact mitigation measures, and baseline environmental conditions in the project area.

The NIRB would like to provide Dunnedin with an opportunity to address the comments noted above, as well as clarify the activities proposed as part of the modified project application, 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 **February 1, 2017**.

If Dunnedin determines that the time required to supply a written response is significantly greater than two (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 through the online public registry at www.nirb.ca.

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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Nunavut Impact Review Board

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