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**Re: Opportunity to address comments regarding Dunnedin Ventures Inc.'s Kahuna
Diamond Project Proposal submission - NIRB letter dated January 18, 2017**

Dear Davin St. Pierre,

Thank you for the opportunity to review and respond to comments the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) received regarding Dunnedin Ventures Inc.'s (Dunnedin) modified Kahuna Diamond Project Proposal screening (NIRB: 15EN028), as summarized in NIRB's letter of January 18, 2017.

We have attempted to clarify concerns and add the details requested, in particular those from the Government of Nunavut (GN) on the Environment and Wildlife Management Plan (EWMP). A summary of Dunnedin's responses to the public concerns received by NIRB are provided below:

1. Wildlife and Caribou Protection - Environmental and Management Plan (EWMP)

After further review of the GN's comments sent June 24, 2015 and September 22, 2016, we note that some of the comments about the EWMP can be found elsewhere in the submission but were addressed in more general terms. Dunnedin recognizes that more detail and clarity is

needed for NIRB to complete their review and to that end, we updated and annotated the EWMP, using better headings and adding specific details recommended by the GN. As reference, Dunnedin consulted government sources (i.e. GN, DOE, DIAND-Caribou Protection Measures, NPC-DNLUP) and other EWMP's recently approved by NIRB (i.e. Agnico Eagle 2016). For completeness, an updated version of Dunnedin's EWMP is attached, with additional detail on the following items highlighted in red text:

- Updated contact information (various).
- Updated species at risk (Page 4).
- Wildlife monitoring protocols - *Section 3* (Page 5).
- Caribou and species-specific habitat and protection - *Section 3* (Pages 6 - 10).
The modified EWMP contains updated sections on Caribou, Muskox, Predators, Birds and Waterfowl (and Raptors). Specifics include information on sensitive habitat, timelines, mitigation, suspension of work protocols and a map of critical caribou habitat.
- Aircraft disturbance protocols – In the modified submission, but reinforced again in species-specific sections. A map of protected areas is included in the updated EWMP attached.
- Baseline conditions on the Kahuna Diamond Project – These are Dunnedin's first programs on the Project and therefore the exact location, species and focus of baseline work is unknown at this time. Ongoing wildlife monitoring, wildlife observations/logs, studies from nearby projects, Inuit Qaujimagatuqangit (IQ) and community input will form the basis of developing a footprint and scope for baseline environmental and heritage work going forward.
- Contrary to comments, Dunnedin is not proposing a winter road and hence the absence of discussion on construction, "road policies", noise, dusts suppression etc.

2. Community Consultation

A log of Dunnedin's Community Consultation record was included in the modified NIRB submission as *Appendix E*. In general, no concerns were noted and the company received letters of support which were posted in the public registry. For clarity, a consultation summary related to Dunnedin's EWMP and comments from communities is included as *Section 8* (Pages 12 - 14) in the updated EWMP version attached.

3. Archeology

Protocols regarding cultural and heritage sites were summarized in a report by Golder Associates (September 22, 2016) included in the modified EWMP. For clarity, excerpts from the Golder report are included as *Section 6* (Page 11) in the updated EWMP version attached. Dunnedin acknowledges that unidentified heritage sites may exist in work areas. Additional archaeological studies will be carried out if artifacts and/or sites are identified during ongoing programs, and as operations advance beyond their current scope.

4. Explosives

The use of explosives for trenching and sampling on the Kahuna Diamond Project was included in *Appendix A – "Detailed Project Description and Work Plan"* of the modified NIRB application.

For clarity, the project may require storage of explosives subject to a licence under the Explosives Act. This is also referenced in *Section 9 (2b)* of the updated EWMP version attached (Page 15).

5. Details on Proposed Activities

The Kahuna Diamond Project is an early stage exploration project. In an attempt to minimize impact early, Dunnedin has proposed to use methods, locations and previous workings already disturbed and permitted in the past (i.e. trenches, winter trail, community-based operations). The nature of early stage exploration is that work plans are continually changing as programs evolve. As such, work areas and timelines must be estimated within general areas, rather than specific sites or coordinates prior to a program.

A detailed description of proposed Kahuna Diamond Project activities was provided in *Appendix A – “Detailed Project Description and Work Plan”* of the modified NIRB application. A summary of proposed activities with more detail is also included as *Section 9 (Pages 14 - 17)* of the updated EWMP version attached. A map of potential flight lines to and from site to local communities is included in the updated EWMP attached

We hope the information provided herein addresses the comments NIRB received on the modified Kahuna Diamond Project proposal. Dunnedin looks forward to the Board proceeding to the next stage of assessment and a positive Screening Decision Report to the Minister of Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada.

Best Regards



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