



December 8, 2017

Attn:

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Re: Response to NIRB and Kangiqliniq HTO Comments for the Kahuna Field Camp Proposal

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to comments sent to the NIRB by the Kangiqliniq Hunters and Trappers Organization (HTO). Dunnedin Ventures values community involvement and considers all comments and concerns by local residents before, during and after exploration programs. In fact, Dunnedin crews lived in the community of Rankin Inlet for over 3 months this summer, using local services in town and hiring wildlife monitors from Chesterfield Inlet for the duration.

Between October 24 and October 26, Dunnedin Ventures CEO Chris Taylor, VP Operations Andrew Berry and Consultant Denise Lockett, travelled through Chesterfield Inlet and Rankin Inlet to update and consult with community members. Topics included current and planned exploration, and a proposal to amend existing permits by adding a camp to support authorized exploration activities (staking, prospecting, drilling, bulk sampling, and winter access trail).

While in Chesterfield Inlet on October 24, Dunnedin management met with the Aqigiq HTO, the Kivalliq Inuit Association (KIA) Community Lands and Resources Committee (CLARC), the Hamlet and community residents of Chesterfield Inlet. The Aqigiq HTO and the Hamlet of Chesterfield supported the Kahuna Project and the addition of a camp. Dunnedin received letters of support to that effect from the Hamlet and the Aqigiq HTO on November 9, 2017 and November 27, 2017 respectively.

Dunnedin representatives then travelled to Rankin Inlet on October 25 and 26 and met with the KIA CLARC and the KIA Lands Department. A request was made for a meeting with the Kangiqliniq HTO, but unfortunately the Manager responded they were unable to meet at this time. During meetings with the CLARC and KIA, Dunnedin gave an update on the past summer's work, plans for 2018, and the proposal to add a field camp. In addition to representatives from the Hamlet and KIA, Brian Sigurdson (HTO Chair) and Clayton Tartak (HTO Secretary Manager) were in attendance. No concerns were expressed during these meetings and Deputy Mayor Harry Towtongie commented that the site selection for the camp was good. In an email to Denise Lockett later that day, Clayton Tartak requested Dunnedin meet with the HTO Board during their next trip into the community.

Dunnedin and the Kangiqliniq HTO emailed about possible meeting dates between November 16 and November 30. The HTO suggested meetings before their December 12 board meeting; however, with recent Territorial and upcoming municipal elections, weather issues, Dunnedin staff travel and year-end holidays, meeting in early January 2018 seemed more suitable. In a November 21 email, Dunnedin asked the Kangiqliniq HTO to suggest available dates in January for another community visit, but no dates were provided. At this point, we would like to suggest the week of January 8, but still need confirmation of

availability from the communities and organizations. During this trip, Dunnedin also plans to introduce its new President, Claudia Tornquist, to the Hamlets, new Members of the Legislative Assembly, HTO's, the KIA and community members.

For clarity, the proposed Kahuna field camp is 40 kilometres from Rankin Inlet and 50 kilometres from Chesterfield Inlet, roughly half way between the two communities, albeit slightly closer to Rankin Inlet. The proposed site is located on INAC administered land, and outside any surface or subsurface Inuit Owned Land parcel. The proposed field camp site was specifically located close to work sites to minimize helicopter use and avoid flights over high-density Inuit harvest areas (from KIA website), thereby respecting lands commonly used by hunters closer to Rankin Inlet.

In addition, the Kahuna Property has claims within Inuit Owned Land Parcel CI-15 which is administered by the KIA in consultation with Chesterfield Inlet. Dunnedin Ventures does not have a formal agreement to cease work in areas hunters use, but instead the company respects a specific request from the Aqigiq HTO to not work on Josephine Lake, since it is an important fishing location for Chesterfield Inlet residents.

Dunnedin acknowledges proper consultation is an important part of any project, which is why communities were visited this past October, and has planned to return in early January for further community input, prior to any work in 2018. If you have any further questions or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (604) 646-8355, or by email, ctaylor@dunnedinventures.com.

Regards,



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