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To: The Honourable Carolyn Bennett
Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations
and Northern Affairs
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Sent via email: minister@aadnc-aandc.gc.ca and carolyn.bennett@canada.ca

Re: Extension Request for NIRB Screening of Dunnedin Ventures Inc.'s "Kahuna Property Field Camp" Project Proposal

Dear Honourable Carolyn Bennett:

On November 20, 2017 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received Dunnedin Ventures Inc.'s (Dunnedin or the Proponent) "Kahuna Property Field Camp" project proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission for screening, pursuant to Part 3 of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, S.C. 2013, c. 14, s. 2 (*NuPPAA*). **Pursuant to subsection 92(4) of the *NuPPAA*, the NIRB hereby requests that the responsible Minister extend the period for the submission of the Board's written report for the screening of this project proposal, NIRB File No. 15EN028.**

On November 20, 2017 the NIRB requested that the Proponent complete the online application form through the NIRB's public registry system and ensure, pursuant to subsection 144(1) of the *NuPPAA*, that the information provided be sufficient to determine the scope of the project activities being proposed and that sufficient information has been provided to commence screening. On November 24, 2017 the NIRB received the required information and commenced the screening pursuant to Part 3 of the *NuPPAA*. On November 29, 2017 the NIRB distributed notice of the project proposal to potentially affected communities and interested parties with a request for comments to be submitted for the Board's consideration by December 20, 2017. On November 30, 2017 the Kangiqliniq Hunters and Trappers Organization (HTO) contacted the NIRB requesting an extension to the commenting deadline which the NIRB accepted and extended commenting until January 19, 2018. As a result, the Board requires additional time to fully consider the project proposal and possibly allow the Proponent to respond to comments, if required, prior to completing the screening.

All documents received and pertaining to the NIRB's screening of this project proposal can be accessed from the NIRB's online public registry at www.nirb.ca by using any of the following search criteria:

- Project Name: Kahuna Property Field Camp
- NIRB File No.: 15EN028
- Application No.: 125186

The NIRB is unable to provide its written report for the screening of this project proposal within the 45 days as set out in the *NuPPAA*. The NIRB anticipates that the screening of this project proposal will be completed by **February 9, 2017**, at which time a screening decision report will be submitted to the responsible Minister 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,



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