



**NIRB File No.: 15EN028**

NPC File No.: 148649

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**Re: Opportunity to Address Comments Received and Additional Information Required regarding Dunnedin Ventures Inc.'s "Kahuna Property Field Camp" project proposal**

Dear Chris Taylor:

On November 20, 2017 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received a referral to screen Dunnedin Ventures Inc.'s (Dunnedin or the Proponent) "Kahuna Property Field Camp" project proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC or Commission). On November 29, 2017 the NIRB circulated a public notice of the screening for this project, inviting interested parties to provide comments directly to the NIRB by December 20, 2017. The NIRB subsequently extended commenting deadline to January 19, 2018 based on a request by the Kangiqliniq Hunters and Trappers Organization.

On or before January 19, 2018 the NIRB received comments from the following interested parties:

- Government of Nunavut (GN)
- Government of Nunavut - Department of Health (GN-DoH)
- Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO)
- Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC)
- Kangiqliniq Hunters and Trappers Organization (Kangiqliniq HTO), with additional comments provided on January 24, 2018

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](http://www.nirb.ca) by using any of the following search criteria:

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

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

#### Community Consultation

- Recommended community consultation with potentially impacted stakeholders in Rankin Inlet be conducted prior to the commencement of the proposed project activities to address any concerns.

#### Archaeological Resources

- Information lacking on mitigation measures to address potential impacts to archaeological resources within and in proximity to the project footprint.

#### Caribou Protection

- Concerns related to impacts to caribou from project and recommended the Proponent commit to avoid operating in areas where caribou are likely to take refuge from insect harassment between July 4 and September 16.
- Information lacking in the Environment and Wildlife Management Plan and should be revised to include enhanced mitigation of potential impacts to caribou such as measures to prevent diversion of movement, or disruption of feeding to groups of 25 or more caribou, and phased shutdowns or cessation of activities until caribou have passed the project area.
- Concerns regarding potential impacts of helicopter traffic on wildlife, especially caribou, in the vicinity of the project area and the potential contribution of the proposed exploration activities to cumulative effects on caribou in the region.
- Concerns regarding the proximity of the proposed camp site to caribou migration routes and identify alternate camp location(s) to reduce the potential for disruption of caribou migration.
- Exploration activities, including drilling and helicopter activities, to the south of the proposed camp location from June 23 to October 1 should stop to reduce the potential for disruption of caribou migration in the project area.

#### Polar Bear Habitat Protection

- Information lacking on proposed buffer distances for denning Polar Bears to prevent impacts to Polar Bears and their habitat within and in proximity to the project footprint.

#### Spill Prevention and Response Plan

- Information lacking in the Spill Prevention and Response Plan and should be revised to include measures to ensure adequate capacity for temporary storage or containment of contaminated materials from spills on soil, snow, or ice during operations.

Pursuant to subsection 144(1) of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, S.C. 2013, c. 14, s. 2 (NuPPAA), the NIRB is also requesting submission of the following **additional** information for the Board to carry out its screening:

- A record of consultation conducted with the Community of Rankin Inlet, including the Kangiqliniq HTO as committed to by the Proponent in correspondence to the NIRB<sup>1</sup>. The record of consultation should include the following:
  - Date(s) and location(s) of consultations with parties;
  - Concerns raised by parties regarding the proposed project; and
  - Commitments made by the Proponent to address parties' concerns.

The NIRB would like to provide Dunnedin with an opportunity to address the comments and the Information Request noted above 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 9, 2018**.

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](mailto:info@nirb.ca), or through the online public registry at [www.nirb.ca](http://www.nirb.ca).

If you have any questions or require clarification, please contact the undersigned at (867) 983-4616 or at [kboaantwi@nirb.ca](mailto:kboaantwi@nirb.ca).

Sincerely,



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<sup>1</sup> Dunnedin Ventures Inc.'s December 8, 2017 correspondence to the NIRB Re: Response to NIRB and Kangiqliniq HTO Comments for the Kahuna Field Camp Proposal.