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

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

Re: Update on the 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 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 the commenting deadline to January 19, 2018 based on a request by the Kangiqliniq Hunters and Trappers Organization. On January 5, 2018, pursuant to subsection 92(4) of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, S.C. 2013, c. 14, s. 2 (*NuPPAA*), the NIRB requested 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) to February 9, 2018.¹

On January 26, 2018 the NIRB requested that the Proponent address interested parties' comments and the Board's **additional** information requests pursuant to subsection 144(1) of the *NuPPAA*.² Once the additional information is received from the Proponent, the NIRB intends to complete the assessment of this project proposal. As such, the NIRB is unable to provide its written report for the screening of this project proposal by February 9, 2018, as indicated in its

¹ NIRB Letter to the Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Re: *Extension Request for NIRB Screening of Dunnedin Ventures Inc.'s "Kahuna Property Field Camp" Project Proposal*, January 5, 2018.

² NIRB Letter to Dunnedin Ventures Inc. Re: *Opportunity to address comments received and Additional Information Required regarding Dunnedin Ventures Inc.'s "Kahuna Property Field Camp" project proposal*, January 26, 2018.

original request for Ministerial extension¹, and anticipates that the screening of this project proposal will be completed by **March 16, 2018**, at which time a screening decision report will be submitted to the responsible Minister for consideration.

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

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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