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**Re: Additional Information Request by NIRB - Update on Consultation with Community of Rankin Inlet
Kahuna Property Field Camp - NIRB File No.: 15EN028 - Application No.: 125186**

This letter is in response to a January 26, 2018 notice from the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) to Dunnedin Ventures Inc. (Dunnedin) requesting **additional information** and an update on consultation with Community of Rankin Inlet. This request was made pursuant to subsection 144(1) of the Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act, S.C. 2013, c. 14, s. 2 (NuPPAA). A separate letter that addresses public concern submitted to NIRB during the commenting period for the proposed "Kahuna Property Field Camp" was sent to NIRB on February 6, 2018.

Dunnedin has used Rankin Inlet as a base of summer operations for exploration programs since 2015. In response to community wishes to minimize daily helicopter transits to the property from Rankin Inlet, and for safety concerns during winter work conditions, Dunnedin proposed amending its current permits to authorize a temporary field camp central to the Kahuna Property and close to exploration work areas. The following letter summarizes and updates NIRB on consultation meetings held in community of Rankin Inlet on January 11 and 12, 2018 regarding Dunnedin's application for a temporary field camp (NIRB File No.: 15EN028).

1. SUMMARY OF MEETINGS, RANKIN INLET – JANUARY 11 AND 12, 2018

Dates, locations and consultations with parties, Rankin Inlet

- CBC Radio North, Dunnedin CEO Chris Taylor was interviewed by both CBC Rankin Inlet and CBC Iqaluit on January 11. Listeners were updated on work performed on the Kahuna Property, the proposed field camp, and plans for exploration in 2018. Community members were invited to attend the public meeting later in the day at the Turaarvik Inn in Rankin Inlet
- Kivalliq Inuit Association (KIA) Meeting, Rankin Inlet Office, 10:00 AM January 11, 2018
- Rankin Inlet Public Meeting, Turaarvik Inn, 7:00 PM January 11, 2018
- Kangiqliniq (Rankin Inlet) HTO Meeting, NTI Building, 10:00 AM January 12, 2018

January 11, 2018 10:00 a.m.: KIA Meeting, Rankin Inlet KIA Office:

Dunnedin Ventures Inc. (Dunnedin): CEO Chris Taylor, President Claudia Tornquist, VP Operations Andrew Berry and Consultant Denise Lockett

Kivalliq Inuit Association (KIA): Vice President Tagak Curley, Land Use Inspector Jeff Tulugak, Lands Administrator Brenda Osmond and Manager of Projects Jason Tologanak

Concerns Raised at Meeting:

- Proposed camp location with respect to caribou migration south of the proposed camp during summer and fall harvest
- Consultation with Tagak Curley and Piers Apilardguk, local cabin owners with cabins located approximately 20 kilometres and 15 kilometres northwest of Dunnedin's proposed camp site but not on Dunnedin claims.

Commitments by Proponent at Meeting:

- Establish a temporary camp at proposed location for the winter months of 2018 then work with local cabin owners Tagak Curley, Piers Apilardguk and other knowledge holders from Rankin Inlet and Chesterfield Inlet. If needed, Dunnedin would investigate an alternate camp location further north to support operations during the summer and fall harvest period.

January 11, 2018, 7 p.m. Rankin Inlet Public Meeting, Turaarvik Inn.

Dunnedin: CEO Chris Taylor, President Claudia Tornquist, VP Operations Andrew Berry and Consultant Denise Lockett.

Community Attendance: George Ipkanak, Emilia Ramey, David Ningeongan (KIA President), Gabe Karlik (KIA), Luis Manzo (KIA), Jeff Tulugak (KIA), Brenda Osmond (KIA), Piers Aupilarjuk (Hunter and Cabin Owner), Susie Aupilarjuk (Hunter), Robert Tatty, Cathy Towtongie (MLA) , Harry Towtongie (Hamlet) , Noel Kuludjak (Hunter), Thomas Comer (CA for MLA) , Shirley, Albert Metzger, Peter Tapan (HTO), Samson Aliyak, Sebastian Curley (Hunter), Tagak Curley (KIA VP and Cabin Owner), JR Kaludjak, Joeffrey Kaludjak (Hamlet), Melanie Subgilt, Issak, Ford Widig, Gert T (KIA), Jason Tologanak (KIA), Robert Simik (KIA), Justin Merritt (Hamlet), John Wiebe, Lyle Wiebe, Albert Netser, (Hunter) Harry Ittinuar (Hunter), Clayton Tartak (HTO) Brandon Laforest (WWF) Joe Jr. Kaludjak (Hunter) Bronsn Akerolik (Hunter) (name in syllabics), Eugene Kabluitok (Hunter) Silu Autut (HTO/Hunter), Ezra Greene, Shane Tulugak (HTO/Hunter), Raymond Mercer, Jack Kabvitok and Johnny Ayaruaq (Translator)

Concerns Raised at Meeting:

- Frequency of helicopter flights from Rankin Inlet to the property over IOL RI-01, lands utilized by many community members to harvest caribou
- Security deposit for exploration
- How was the proposed camp location identified
- Consultation with the two cabin owners in the area
- Caribou migration south of proposed camp during summer and fall harvest
- Some community members want the camp location moved north closer to Chesterfield Inlet for summer operations
- One member suggested Dunnedin use Chesterfield Inlet businesses instead of Rankin Inlet

Commitment Made by the Proponent at Meeting:

- Confirmation of Dunnedin's ongoing commitment to consultation since 2015 prior to permit applications and commencement of exploration
- Purpose of camp proposal was to significantly reduce helicopter flights, flight time and flights over IOL RI-01 (south of Dunnedin's property), lands utilized by many community members to harvest caribou
- Dunnedin has placed a \$40,000 security deposit with KIA and previously offered to assist KIA with remediation and costs for the Sedna camp abandoned by Shear Minerals (letters to KIA dated June 10 and Aug 31, 2016 – KIA declined on Sept 29, 2016)
- Harry Aggark and Jerome Misherialak from Aqigiq (Chesterfield Inlet) HTO accompanied Dunnedin exploration staff to inspect numerous sites for a proposed camp. The proposed site was chosen as the most suitable location for a temporary field camp to support operations on the Kahuna Property
- Commitment to involve cabin owners Tagak and Piers and other knowledge holders to assess impact of winter field camp at proposed site and if needed, investigate an alternate site further north to support exploration during summer and fall harvest periods
- Use of community wildlife monitors will continue during work programs, as per 2015 to 2017 programs. Commitment to adhere to wildlife monitoring and mitigation measures required in current and amended work permits and licences.
- Dunnedin has already committed to working with the Hamlet of Chesterfield Inlet and has provided letters of support for infrastructure projects to support exploration in that community.

January 12, 2018, 10:00 a.m. Rankin Inlet HTO Meeting, NTI building.

Dunnedin: CEO Chris Taylor, President Claudia Tornquist, VP Operations Andrew Berry and Consultant Denise Lockett

HTO: Manager Clayton Tartak, Jerome Tattuinee, Shane Tulugak and Louie as translator. Brian Sigurdson, HTO President recused himself due to a potential conflict of interest should Dunnedin require his overland equipment to service the proposed field camp and drill program. Clayton Tartak apologized that two others members of the HTO were not available to attend the meeting as one was sick and another had attended the meeting the evening before.

Concerns Raised at Meeting:

- Consultation with Tagak Curley and Piers Apilardguk, local cabin owners with cabins located approximately 20 kilometres and 15 kilometres northwest of Dunnedin's proposed camp site but not on Dunnedin claims.
- Helicopter usage from Rankin Inlet over IOL RI-01 and disturbance of migrating caribou south of proposed camp location
- Who identified the site as a suitable location for a temporary exploration camp

Commitment by Proponent at Meeting:

- Dunnedin will work with cabin owners Tagak Curley, Piers Apilardguk and other knowledge holders from Rankin Inlet and Chesterfield Inlet. If needed, Dunnedin would investigate an

alternate camp location further north to support operations during the summer and fall harvest period.

- Dunnedin is committed to reducing helicopter flights, flight time and flights out of Rankin Inlet and over IOL RI-01 by establishing a temporary exploration camp to support operation near exploration work sites.
- Dunnedin confirmed that the Chesterfield HTO assisted with camp site selection by visiting numerous possible sites, but considered the proposed site to be the most suitable for an all season temporary camp facility.

2. DETAILS OF CONSULTATION MEETINGS, RANKIN INLET – JANUARY 11 AND 12, 2018

As requested in a December 15, 2017 email from Jaida Ohokannoak, and in a notice from NIRB dated January 26, 2018 requesting the company address comments submitted as part of the screening, Dunnedin respectfully submits the following details of each consultation meeting held in Rankin Inlet on January 11 and January 12, 2018.

KIA Meeting, Rankin Inlet KIA Office, 10:00AM January 11, 2018

On the morning of January 11, 2018, Dunnedin's CEO Chris Taylor, President Claudia Tornquist, VP Operations Andrew Berry and Consultant Denise Lockett, met with Kivalliq Inuit Association (KIA) Vice President Tagak Curley, Land Use Inspector Jeff Tulugak, Lands Administrator Brenda Osmond and Manager of Projects Jason Tologanak at KIA's office.

Tagak Curley was introduced as the newly elected Vice President of KIA and Claudia Tornquist was introduced as the newly appointed President of Dunnedin. Mr. Curley stated he had reviewed Dunnedin's NIRB submission and had been briefed on the camp proposal by Mr. Tulugak. He asked why Dunnedin doesn't use the abandoned Sedna camp site on Josephine Lake that was previously permitted by Shear Minerals. Mr. Taylor clarified that the site was not in an appropriate location for Dunnedin's work and, as the community of Chesterfield Inlet was opposed to re-establishment of the camp site, he had committed not to use it. Further, Mr. Taylor said he sent a letter to KIA offering assistance to help remediate the Sedna site abandoned by Shear Minerals, but that KIA had declined his offer (letters to KIA dated June 10 and Aug 31, 2016 – KIA declined on Sept 29, 2016).

A map showing the Kahuna Property, the permitted winter trail and the proposed camp location was reviewed for discussion. Vice President Tagak Curley is one of two cabin owners in the region. He identified the location of his cabin and Pier Apilardguk's cabin. The two cabins were approximately 20 kilometres and 15 kilometres respectively to the northwest of Dunnedin's proposed camp location. Neither cabin is on Dunnedin's Kahuna property mineral claims.

While identifying the cabin locations, Mr. Curley told the meeting that August and September were the most important months for harvesting caribou as the caribou are at their prime for edibility and animal product use. He pointed to a series of lakes between the cabins and the proposed camp that he said control the movements of caribou during the fall harvest period. He said the caribou would travel south of the proposed camp northwest towards the two cabins. He suggested that a winter camp at the proposed location would not impact harvest activities. He suggested seeking a different location to the northeast from which summer activities could be operated.

Mr. Taylor suggested that with the assistance of Mr Curley, the camp could be inspected by Mr Curley or another Rankin Inlet knowledge holders to provide a second opinion on its suitability during summer. If needed, Dunnedin would investigate an alternate summer camp location suitable to both Chesterfield and Rankin HTO's.. Mr Curley concurred that this was a good solution.

The meeting was concluded.

Rankin Inlet Public Meeting, Turaarvik Inn, 7:00PM January 11, 2018

A Rankin Inlet public meeting was held at the Turaarvik Inn at 7:00 pm, January 11, 2018. In attendance from Dunnedin were CEO Chris Taylor, President Claudia Tornquist, VP Operations Andrew Berry and Consultant Denise Lockett.

In attendance from the community were: Issak, George Ipkanak, Emilia Ramey, David Ningeongan (KIA President), Gabe Karlik (KIA), Luis Manzo (KIA), Jeff Tulugak (KIA), Brenda Osmond (KIA), Piers Aupilarjuk (Hunter and Cabin Owner), Sue Aupilarjuk (Hunter), Robert Tatty, Cathy Towtongie (MLA) , Harry Towtongie (Hamlet) , Noel Kuludjak (Hunter), Thomas Comer (CA for MLA) , Shirley, Albert Metzger, Peter Tapanan (HTO), Samson Aliyak, Sebastian Curley (Hunter), Tagak Curley (KIA VP and Cabin Owner), JR Kaludjak, Joeffrey Kaludjak (Hamlet), Melanie Subgilt, Ford Widig, Gert T (KIA), Jason Tologanak (KIA), Robert Simik (KIA), Justin Merritt (Hamlet), John Wiebe, Lyle Wiebe, Albert Netser, (Hunter) Harry Ittinuar (Hunter), Clayton Tartak (HTO) Brandon Laforest (WWF) Joe Jr. Kaludjak (Hunter) Bronsn Akerolik (Hunter) (name in syllabics), Eugene Kabluitok (Hunter) Silu Autut (HTO/Hunter), Ezra Greene, Shane Tulugak (HTO/Hunter), Raymond Mercer, Jack Kabvitok and Johnny Ayaruaq (Translator)

Mr. Taylor thanked all for attending and commenced a presentation to update the community on the company's activities and the proposed field camp. A question was raised about whether consultation with the community was conducted in the past. Mr Taylor affirmed that the company had met with the members of the community, the KIA, and the Community Lands and Resources Committee (CLARC) in 2015, 2016 and 2017. The company also conducted public meetings in Chesterfield Inlet. Concerns were raised about helicopter usage out of Rankin Inlet in 2017. Mr. Taylor recognized the concerns the community has about helicopters and stated that proposal for the temporary field camp is indeed intended to reduce helicopter usage out of Rankin Inlet and mitigate the amount flight time required to perform exploration activities.

Tagak Curley, VP KIA, questioned why there was no security deposit in place for the Shear Minerals camp at Josephine Lake. Mr Taylor clarified that Sedna had been abandoned by Shear Minerals, was not Dunnedin's camp. Unfortunately, a security deposit had not been enforced for the Sedna camp and when Shear Minerals went bankrupt there were no funds in place with the KIA to facilitate a clean-up. Mr Taylor also stated that Dunnedin had offered to assist the KIA with the clean-up at the Sedna camp. David Ningeongan, KIA President, stated that this was the first time he had heard Dunnedin offer to assist with the clean-up. Mr. Taylor stated that he had in fact offered assistance and submitted a formal letter to the KIA offering both financial and in-kind assistance, but had received a KIA letter in response declining his offer (letters to KIA dated June 10 and Aug 31, 2016 – KIA declined on Sept 29, 2016).

Cathy Towtongie, MLA, stated the proposed camp was close to two cabins and questioned whether the cabin owners had been contacted. Mr Taylor affirmed that he had talked with Tagak Curley earlier in the day and that Pierre and Sue Aupilarjuk were in the room and that he would be talking with them.

Mr Curley questioned who had chosen the site. Mr. Taylor told him that Harry Aggark and Jerome Misherialik, from the Chesterfield Inlet HTO together with Dunnedin geologists investigated numerous possible camp sites and concluded that this particular location was the most suitable for the establishment of a field camp. The site has a flat topped gravel surface to establish tents upon and an ideal gravel substrate for grey water drainage. The proposed site lacks significant vegetation cover, being bare gravel, and was indicated by the Chesterfield Inlet HTO members to be much less likely to be used by caribou. Mr. Taylor continued that he would be willing to take Mr. Curley, Mr. Aupilarjuk and others out to the project to observe operations at the proposed site and if needed, investigate an alternate location for the field camp, particularly around caribou hunting season (August – September). He stated that helicopter access from Rankin Inlet to the camp could also be modified and could follow the coast east before heading north to the camp location.

Noel Kuludjak stated that caribou travel past the proposed camp site in the summer and that it should be established farther north, closer to Chesterfield Inlet. Mr Taylor clarified that when caribou are in the vicinity of any work areas, our existing work permits and licenses require a complete work stoppage until such time as the caribou are no longer in the vicinity of the work area.

Suzie Aupilarjuk stated that she wants to maintain the land around her cabin for her grandchildren and questioned how much land would be impacted in the event a mine went into production. Mr. Taylor clarified that Dunnedin is not proposing to construct a mine, and that it is unknown at this time if a mine will ever be contemplated for the Kahuna project. He also clarified that community input is required at each step in the mine development process and that if the community does not support a mining project the project will not go forward.

David Ningeongan, KIA President, put forth that Dunnedin not use the services of Rankin Inlet and use Chesterfield Inlet as a logistical base to support the project. Mr Taylor told the meeting that Dunnedin is making efforts to use services and people from Chesterfield Inlet but that Rankin Inlet has much more advanced infrastructure with the airport, sea lift facilities and hotels. He reiterated that Dunnedin will use the services of Chesterfield Inlet as much as possible and that company does support that community's ongoing initiatives such as the port application.

The meeting was then closed.

Rankin Inlet HTO Meeting, NTI Building, 10:00AM January 12, 2018

On the morning of January 12, 2018, Dunnedin CEO Chris Taylor, President Claudia Tornquist, VP Operations Andrew Berry and Consultant Denise Lockett met with the Rankin Inlet Hunters and Trappers Organization (HTO) in the NTI Building.

In attendance for HTO were Manager Clayton Tartak, elder Jerome Tattuinee, Shane Tulugak and Louie as translator. Brian Sigurdson, HTO President recused himself due to a conflict of interest should Dunnedin require his overland equipment to service the proposed field camp.

Mr. Tattuinee opened the meeting with a prayer. Mr. Tartak apologized for the absence of several HTO members but said many were at the public meeting the previous evening. Mr. Taylor said that Dunnedin appreciated the community feedback and was interested to hear the recommendation and suggestions of the HTO. He stated that he talked to both cabin owners Tagak Curley and Piers Aupilarjuk and was told that helicopters were disturbing hunters. Mr. Tartak confirmed that hunters have been concerned with helicopter usage over hunting areas.

Mr. Taylor clarified that one of Dunnedin's primary objectives with the establishment of the proposed field camp is to reduce helicopter flights. Dunnedin's intent is to utilize the permitted winter trail with overland equipment to support operations. The proposed field camp will minimize flight frequency from Rankin Inlet to the property. In addition, the camp is located proximal to the existing PST and Notch diamond occurrences so that workers can access these sites overland.

Mr. Tattuinee affirmed that the Chesterfield Inlet HTO assisted with the site selection and supported the proposed site. Mr. Tattuinee said he would not object to the Chesterfield Inlet HTO recommendation for the proposed site as a good location for a field camp, but also stated that the Rankin Inlet HTO should have had more involvement with the initial selection process.

Mr. Taylor told Mr. Tattuinee that cabin owner and KIA VP Tagak Curley was agreeable to using the camp location during winter months but that an alternate location might be considered to support summer and fall activities. He said that should the camp go forward he wants members of the Rankin Inlet HTO to come to the project to see for themselves what the company is doing and said that HTO members should assist in the identification of a more suitable location for a summer field camp, should it be required.

Mr. Tattuinee stated he had visited mineral exploration camps previously and that from his experience while flying in helicopters, caribou are not disturbed and as long as the helicopters do not chase the caribou then the caribou are not distracted and will not run when a helicopter is present. Mr. Tattuinee suggested that large trucks had the potential to disturb caribou and asked what ground equipment would be used to support the operation.

Mr. Berry told Mr. Tattuinee that Dunnedin had talked to M&T and Peter Tapitai about the use of Challengers with cargo sleds and to Huka about the use of Bombardiers with cargo sleds, all in the winter months. He said he talked to Huka about mounting a lightweight reverse circulation (RC) drill rig on a cargo sled and moving it with a Bombardier. A helicopter would be kept at the proposed camp location for emergency purposes and to support operations that would be too far from the camp for daily overland access. He clarified that the time period sought to establish the camp and conduct the operation would be from early March to mid-May. After that time the snow would be too soft to continue and the camp site would be shut down.

Mr. Tartak thanked Dunnedin for coming to meet with the HTO and providing information on the proposed camp site. He said that the proposal would be discussed in an upcoming meeting with the Rankin Inlet HTO board.

The meeting was concluded.

Dunnedin Ventures recognizes that ongoing consultation with the communities of both Rankin Inlet and Chesterfield Inlet is a critical component of advancing work on the Kahuna property and the company is committed to obtaining and keeping community support for the project.

Should the camp application receive NIRB approval, Dunnedin Ventures invites community representatives to visit the property and camp, so that they may personally view the company's operations and understand the company's objectives. The company will continue to include community feedback in its exploration plans, and the current proposal to establish a temporary camp is an example of Dunnedin incorporating community input. 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'CT', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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