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January 13, 2017

The Honourable Carolyn Bennett
Minister of Indigenous and Northern Affairs
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

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

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

Dear Ms. Carolyn Bennett:

On November 9, 2016 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received Dunnedin Ventures Inc.'s (Dunnedin) "Kahuna Diamond Project" project proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission for screening, pursuant to Part 3 of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act* (NuPPAA). Pursuant to subsection 92(4) of the NuPPAA, the NIRB hereby requests that the responsible Minister(s) extend the period for the submission of its written report for the screening of this project proposal, NIRB File No. 15EN028.

The NIRB notes that the current project proposal is the modified version of the "Kahuna Diamond Project – 2016" project proposal (NIRB File No. 15EN028), which resulted in the NIRB issuing a screening decision on April 4, 2016 under NuPPAA subsection 92(1)(c) determining that the project should be modified or abandoned due to specific concerns with the project. As a result of that determination, on August 15, 2016 your office, on behalf of the Responsible Ministers for the proposed project, accepted the Board's determination and directed the Proponent to clearly indicate any changes made to the project should it choose to submit a modified project proposal in the future which addresses the Board's concerns.

Following a preliminary completeness check, the NIRB determined that the proposal as submitted did not clearly indicate what modifications had been made to the project to address the concerns, therefore on November 18, 2016 the Board requested that the Proponent provide additional information. On November 29, 2016 the NIRB received the required information and commenced the screening pursuant to Part 3 of the NuPPAA. On December 8, 2016 the NIRB distributed the notice of the project proposal to potentially affected communities and interested parties requesting comments be submitted for the Board's consideration. In recognition of

seasonal closures across a number of territorial offices as well as the concerns previously expressed regarding the project, additional time was provided for parties to review the application, with comments to be submitted on or before January 13, 2017. As a result of the additional time provided during the commenting period, the Board requires additional time to fully consider the project proposal and to complete 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 Diamond Project
- NIRB File No.: 15EN028
- Application No.: 125023

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 on or before **February 3, 2017**, at which time a screening decision report will be submitted to the responsible Minister(s) 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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