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Via E-Mail (sanderson@a-lhealth.com) and U.S. Mail

Kahtnu Ventures, LLC
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Dear Ms. Anderson:

As you are aware, we are in the process of reviewing the application for Kahtnu Ventures to build a 1 suite ambulatory surgery center in Kenai Alaska. The estimated completion date is Spring 2013. A public meeting is scheduled for Thursday January 19, 2012 and a staff review is due to the Commissioner by February 19, 2012.

Upon preliminary review of the application, aside from the completeness check, it has been noted that the financial information (pgs 44-51) as well as the equipment to be purchased (pgs 51-53) for the Kahtnu facility in Kenai are identical to an application submitted to the department by Kobuk Ventures in February 2006 for a 2 suite ambulatory surgical center in Fairbanks Alaska.

The department must continue with its review of the Kahtnu Ventures Certificate of Need application however, 7 AAC 07.040(b) allows an applicant to submit a written request to permanently withdraw the application at any time during the application review process and 7 AAC 07.040(c) states that at the request of an applicant to modify or reevaluate an application, the department may determine that an application that was previously complete is now incomplete and suspend the application review process for up to one year. Following a granted suspension, the department has a new 60-day period under AS 18.07.045 to defer review or to submit an analysis and recommendation to the commissioner.

Sincerely,



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