

# NatureBank Asset Management Inc.

## News Release

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### NatureBank Announces Teaming Agreement with the Native American Venture Fund

**February 16, 2017, Vancouver, British Columbia:** NatureBank Asset Management Inc. (“NB” or the “Company”) (TSX-V: COO) is pleased to announce the signing of a Teaming Agreement (the “Agreement”) with Native American Partners Inc. (“NAP”), managers of the Native American Venture Fund (“NAVF”), to develop carbon offset projects for sale into regulated carbon markets both in North America and select international markets.

The Native American Venture Fund is an Impact Investment Fund that promotes economic development activities for indigenous tribes throughout North America, and is managed by Native American Partners, Incorporated. NAVF has established a series of socially responsible and impactful investment funds that will leverage the unique economic and legal advantages provided by the United States government to federally recognized Native American Tribes. Within its Economic and Climate Change Fund, NAVF has the stated goal of allocating up to USD \$100 million in capital to develop tribal economies in sectors such as renewable energy, carbon-capture/sequestration and climate change project development.

Under the terms of the Agreement, NAP has engaged NatureBank to exclusively provide a suite of forest carbon project development services in order to establish and commercialize carbon sequestration projects with Tribal landowners associated with NAP through the NAVF.

“Having established several of the world’s largest forest carbon sequestration projects, many of those with First Nations and Native American Tribal landowners, NatureBank is the perfect partner for us, given their long and successful track record in working with tribal communities on carbon project origination, development and commercialization,” commented John Cataldi, Managing Director of the Native American Venture Fund. “Our partnership with Naturebank not only supports the environmental fight against climate change, but will generate substantial long-term revenues for dozens of indigenous tribes, while providing significant returns for NAVF’s investor base.”

NAVF has committed to promoting and marketing potential carbon project opportunities to their network of landowners, as well as acting as intermediaries and project liaisons between participating groups. NAVF will assist in providing certain development services offered by NatureBank in addition to securing offset purchase contracts with qualified buyers. NAVF will also commit to financing development service costs and certain supplemental costs associated with the development, registration, and sale of verified carbon offsets.

While the focus of this Agreement is primarily on regulated carbon markets, such as that found under California’s AB-32 legislation (which established a state wide cap and trade system), it allows both parties to proactively address carbon project opportunities as additional carbon markets develop within North America and in international markets.

“We are very pleased to partner with Native American Partners and the Native American Venture Fund to help Tribal communities participate in a growing carbon economy,” stated Dr. James Tansey, CIO of NatureBank Asset Management Inc. “NatureBank has a long and proud history of working with First Nations and Native American Tribes on forest based projects that deliver environmental, social and economic benefit to their communities. We very much look forward to sharing such benefits with many of the leading Native American Tribes who partner with the NAVF team.”

James Tansey, Ph.D.

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### **About Native American Venture Fund**

The Native American Ventures Fund is a socially responsible, impact investment fund that rewards investors with compelling financial returns while creating social good in providing Native American communities with job creation, infrastructure, housing, education and an overall sustainable economy. Using unique economic and legal advantages afforded to federally and state recognized Native American Indian Tribes by the US Government, the NAVF creates a solid foundation for Tribal Enterprises to succeed by providing capital, leadership and vision to create highly scalable and sustainable tribal economies. For more information on the NAVF, please visit: [www.NativeAmericanVentureFund.com](http://www.NativeAmericanVentureFund.com)

### **About NatureBank Asset Management Inc.**

NatureBank is an internationally diversified carbon management and agroforestry solutions company. With offices in Vancouver, British Columbia and Portland Oregon, Bonn Germany, Geneva Switzerland and satellite offices in Panama, its team of industry leaders specialize in the origination, development and commercialization of high-quality agroforestry and carbon offset projects, in addition to offering a comprehensive suite of sustainability consultancy services. Through NatureBank advisory services group Offsetters and German based CO<sub>2</sub>OL, the company helps organizations understand, reduce and offset their climate impact. NatureBank has worked with over 200 leading business organizations including Aimia, Vancity, lululemon athletica, Catalyst Paper, Harbour Air, HSE - Entega, Shell Canada Limited, and a suite of leading First Nations, Native American Tribes and TIMOs on sustainable projects. NatureBank is publicly listed company on the Toronto Venture Exchange (TSX-V:COO) and in Frankfurt:9EA. For more information, please visit us at [www.NatureBank.com](http://www.NatureBank.com).

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