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Nunavut Water Board
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Attention: Mr. Philippe di Pizzo
Chief Administrative Officer

Re: Application for amendment of Water Use and Waste Disposal License NWB2MEA0507

Dear Mr. di Pizzo:

Please find enclosed with this letter an application for an amendment to Cumberland Resources' Water Use and Waste Disposal License NWB2MEA0507 to allow for the construction of a 5.6 million litre bulk fuel storage tank at the Meadowbank Project in support of ongoing exploration activities at the site. The proposal to construct the tank was originally given screening approval by the NIRB in March 31, 2004, provided that certain conditions were met. A copy of the NIRB's approval letter is appended as part of the application documents. Due to timing restrictions, the tank was not erected in 2004, however all of the necessary equipment and supplies were transported to the site overland that year. Cumberland is proposing to construct the tank at the Meadowbank site during the summer of 2006 pending licensing approval from the Nunavut Water Board.

Accompanying this letter is a signed application form for the amendment, a cheque for \$30.00 to cover the application fee, a detailed project description outlining the proposed 2006 construction activities at the site, a revised Abandonment and Restoration Plan, a revised Fuel transportation and Storage Management Plan, and a geotechnical assessment report completed by Golder Associates addressing the suitability of the proposed site for the construction including detailed civil and geotechnical engineering drawings for the proposed undertaking.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding this application or if any further information is required.

Sincerely,

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Roger March, P. Geo.
Senior Project Geologist