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NUNAVUT WATER BOARD  
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May 13, 1998

Mr. Joe Ahmad  
Executive Director  
Nunavut Impact Review Board  
Cambridge Bay, NT  
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Subject: Meliadine East Project - Request for Screening  
NWB File No. NWB2ATU

Dear Mr. Ahmad,

The Nunavut Water Board received an application for a licence dated May 5, 1998, from Cumberland Resources Ltd. for a mineral exploration programme in the Atulik Lake area, near Rankin Inlet.

In accordance with Articles 12 and 13 of the *Agreement Between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada*, this project shall be screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board to determine whether it has significant impact potential, and whether it requires review, before the application can be processed by the Nunavut Water Board. I would appreciate if you could inform me of your deadline to complete your determination so that we may formally advise the applicant and the public accordingly.

Sincerely,

David Porter  
Licence Administrator

cc. Cumberland Resources Ltd.