

March 12, 2004

Mr. John Donihee Counsel, Cumberland Resources 3516 Underhill Dr. NW Calgary T2N 4E8

Dear Mr. Donihee:

Thank you for your letter dated March 5, 2004, wherein you seek an exemption under 12.10.2 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA) for the 5M litre fuel tank construction and use by Cumberland Resources in the Kivalliq.

By way of copy to the distribution list, NIRB is asking for comments on your proposed exemption before making its decision. On behalf of the Board, I therefore invite all parties to send us their comments to your NLCA 12.10.2 exemption, and specifically tell the Board why they support or do not support your request. Written comments are due <u>on or before close of business March 19, 2004.</u>

Following the receipt and review of written comments, NIRB will issue a decision as quickly as possible.

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Sincerely,

Stephanie Briscoe Executive Director

Enclosure

cc: Meadowbank Distribution List