

January 10, 2005

Mr. Craig Goodings Environmental Manager Cumberland Resources #950, One Bentall Centre Box 72, 505 Burrard Street Vancouver, BC V7X 1M4

Dear Mr. Goodings:

The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) is in receipt of your Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) as of Tuesday, January 4, 2005. NIRB staff are preparing instructions for the distribution list and Cumberland Resources that will outline the next steps involved in the review of the Meadowbank Gold Project.

Please advise NIRB once all parties on the distribution list have received a copy of the DEIS. Once all parties are in possession of the DEIS, instructions outlining the next steps will be sent with an appropriate timeline included.

I would also like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the Nunavut Impact Review Board's technical advisor and project manager for Cumberland Resource's Meadowbank Gold project. Please feel free to contact me on my direct telephone line 867-983-4605 or by email at ktunaley@nirb.nunavut.ca if you have any questions or concerns during this review process.

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Sincerely,

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