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To: Meadowbank Distribution List

Re: Cumberland Resources Ltd., Meadowbank Gold Project

On January 17, 2005, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) received hard copies of the Part 1 and Part 2 reports of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Meadowbank Gold Project from Cumberland Resources Ltd. (Cumberland) . Subsequently, the NIRB placed these reports on its Public Registry and made them available for download on the NIRB ftp site. It was the NIRB's understanding that further supporting documents to the DEIS would be forthcoming and that they would be distributed by Cumberland upon request.

However, as of February 7, 2005, the supporting documents have not been provided to the NIRB and requested hard copies have not been sent to the Parties

The NIRB understands that the supporting documentation is necessary for parties to complete their Conformity Review. Therefore, the NIRB has decided to move the Conformity Review deadline to March 3, 2005. This will ensure that the NIRB receives all documentation so that Parties have sufficient time and the necessary information to provide the NIRB with comments on Conformity.

Unless there are other difficulties and despite moving the deadline for the Conformity Review, the NIRB still anticipates that the Technical Review deadline of April 18, 2005 remains the same.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Karlette Tunaley, Technical Advisor, by telephone 867-983-4605 or email ktunaley@nirb.nunavut.ca, or the undersigned by telephone 867-983-4603 or email sbriscoe@nirb.nunavut.ca.

Sincerely,

(Original Signed By)

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Cc: Distribution List
Honourable Minister Andy Scott, DIAND