



April 25, 2005

File No. **03MN107**

**To: Meadowbank Distribution List**

**Via email**

**Re: Comment Request on Cumberland Resources Ltd. 2005 Workplan and Airstrip**

Dear Distribution List

The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received Cumberland Resources Ltd.'s (Cumberland) Commercial Lease (KVCL303H305) Workplan for the 2005 Calendar year (Workplan) on April 19, 2005 from Cumberland including:

- Commercial Lease Schedule B Workplan;
- Appendix A: NIRB Screening Letter for Airstrip Construction;
- Appendix B: Water Analysis Report.

Cumberland's Workplan is attached in the email containing this letter and is also available from NIRB's ftp site at the following link: [http://ftp.nunavut.ca/nirb/Reviews/03MN107-%20Meadowbank%20Gold%20Mine/Project%20Documents/100-onward%20\(Public%20Registry%20Documents\)/](http://ftp.nunavut.ca/nirb/Reviews/03MN107-%20Meadowbank%20Gold%20Mine/Project%20Documents/100-onward%20(Public%20Registry%20Documents)/)

Cumberland's Workplan proposes construction of an airstrip under Commercial Lease KVCL303H305. An application for the proposed construction of the same airstrip was submitted to NIRB by the Kivalliq Inuit Association (KivIA) for an amendment to one year Land Use Lease KVCL300C184 on April 30, 2002. On August 8, 2002 NIRB issued its screening decision to the KivIA allowing the proposed construction of the airstrip to proceed subject to the terms and conditions attached to the approval as per the Nunavut Land Claim Agreement (NLCA) 12.4.4 (a). However, construction of the airstrip was not completed during the one year term of the approved Land Use Lease.

Cumberland's Workplan for the 2005 Calendar year proposes to construct the airstrip as per the original 2002 proposal and NIRB is therefore *proposing* that Cumberland proceed with construction of the airstrip subject to the original terms and conditions attached to NIRB's August 8, 2002 decision.

NIRB is requesting comments from all Parties on this proposed screening procedure. The Board would like to know if you agree or disagree with this process. Please send in written comments on NIRB's proposal by **May 2, 2005**. Comments may be submitted via email to NIRB's Technical Advisor [ktunaley@nirb.nunavut.ca](mailto:ktunaley@nirb.nunavut.ca) and NIRB's Manager of Administration [gjoudrey@nirb.nunavut.ca](mailto:gjoudrey@nirb.nunavut.ca), or via fax to 867-983-2594, or via mail to the undersigned address. If comments are not received by May 2, 2005 NIRB will proceed as proposed above.

Additionally, by way of copy of this letter to the KivIA, NIRB requests that KivIA verify that all the activities in this Workplan, including exploration, not only have previously been screened by the NIRB, but no new activities are scheduled. New activities of course are subject to Section 12.10.1 of the NLCA if they are considered a component of the Meadowbank Gold Project which is currently under a Part 5 Review.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at [ktunaley@nirb.nunavut.ca](mailto:ktunaley@nirb.nunavut.ca) or at 867-983-4605.

Sincerely,

*(Original Signed by:)*

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Email Attachment:

Cumberland Resources Ltd., Meadowbank Gold Project, Nunavut, Commercial Lease Schedule B-Workplan For  
Calendar Year 2005, January 2005

cc      Roger March, Cumberland Senior Project Geologist  
         Luis Manzo, Kivalliq Inuit Association  
         Steve Hartman, Kivalliq Inuit Association