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Dear Ms. Briscoe:

RE: Timing of Release of Information by Cumberland and Next Steps

In its July 14th, 2004 Pre-Hearing Decision on the Meadowbank Gold Project, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) requested in section 5.3.4.3 that Cumberland Resources Ltd. (Cumberland) ensure that a timely exchange of technical information take place prior to the preparation of the Final EIS. NIRB further requested notification of the dates when the Appendix 1 information would be released.


Cumberland has already taken steps to meet a number of the commitments set out in Appendix 1 to the Pre-Hearing Decision. This Friday, July 28th, commitments 55, 78, 88, 61, 75d, 77, 90, 65a and 65b, 69, 14, 15, 16, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25, 32, 32a, 39, 39a, 45, 48, 56 will be emailed and posted on Cumberland's public ftp site. As you are aware, some of the Appendix 1 commitments depend on the results of field work now ongoing and so not all information can be provided at once. Cumberland will continue to provide information as it becomes available, rather than hold on to it to release it all at once. It is Cumberland's intention to complete its response to these commitments by mid to late September. As progress occurs, we will keep NIRB informed.

Cumberland plans to submit a Final EIS about the end of October 2005. At that time we will be asking for a NIRB hearing order which sets this matter down for final hearings in February 2006. Cumberland will make a decision on the level of its commitment for the 2006 bargaining season once it sees the NIRB decision in this proceeding.

We trust that the other parties to this proceeding will give some consideration to the effect that missing the 2006 shipping season could have on the Meadowbank development.

Yours truly,

CUMBERLAND RESOURCES LTD.



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