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Ms. Stephanie Briscoe
Executive Director
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BY e-Mail and FAX

Dear Ms. Briscoe:

RE: Meadowbank Project – Comments on Minister Scott's Letter on PHC Decision

Cumberland Resources Ltd. (Cumberland) is in receipt of NIRB's letter of September 21st, 2005 requesting comments on the above captioned Minister's letter. The Board has set a deadline of Sept 27th at 5:00 p.m. for comments by all parties including Cumberland. Cumberland appreciates the opportunity to comment on the letter but it is also possible that we would like to reply to some of the comments submitted by other parties.

We suggest that it could be fairer and that Cumberland's comments might be more complete and of more assistance to the Board if we could see what other parties to the Cumberland proceeding have to say about the Minister's letter before we respond.

We therefore request that NIRB extend the deadline for response by Cumberland until 5:00 pm on September 30th in order to allow us to review the comments by other parties before writing to NIRB. I would also ask that Mr. Goodings and I be copied with any comments on the Minister's letter provided to the Board by the other parties a day or so in advance of the proposed Cumberland deadline so that we can consider our position before corresponding with the Board.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Yours truly,

Original Signed By:

John Donihee
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