



File No. **03MN107**

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Via email: donihee@telusplanet.net

Re: Meadowbank Gold Project – Cumberland Plans and Scheduling of Proceedings

Dear Mr. Donihee:

Thank you for your letter to the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) dated October 13, 2005 indicating Cumberland Resource Limited's (Cumberland) proposed date of October 31, 2005 for the filing of its Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS). NIRB acknowledges the possibility that both the Miramar Mining Corporation (Miramar) and Cumberland may file their FEIS's almost simultaneously and has decided that it would rather await receipt of both FEIS's before making its decision on the scheduling of final hearings for these proceedings.

On behalf of and at the request of Stephanie Briscoe, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at ktunaley@nirb.nunavut.ca or 867-983-4605.

Sincerely,

(original signed by:)

Karlette Tunaley, Technical Advisor
Nunavut Impact Review Board

cc Honourable Andy Scott, Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada
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