



November 14, 2005

To: Cumberland Resources Ltd. and Parties

Re: **Disclosure of potential conflict – Meadowbank Gold Project**

Please be advised that Ms. Elizabeth Copland has been appointed Acting Chair of the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB). Ms. Copland has also been appointed to Chair the NIRB Review Panel for the proposed Meadowbank Gold Project.

In order to avoid any actual or perceived conflict of interest between Ms. Copland's duties as Chair of the NIRB Review Panel for the Meadowbank Gold Project and her duties as Mayor of the Hamlet of Arviat, Ms. Copland set out her approach to managing any potential conflicts in the attached correspondence to the Council for the Hamlet of Arviat and to NIRB.

The Board also wishes to bring to the attention of the Proponent and other Parties similar action taken by Ms. Stephanie Briscoe, Executive Director of NIRB. In order to avoid any actual or perceived conflict of interest between Ms. Briscoe's duties as Executive Director of NIRB and her duties as Deputy Mayor of the Hamlet of Cambridge Bay, Ms. Briscoe advised the Board that she has not participated in any matter or matters before the Council of the Hamlet of Cambridge Bay related to the Meadowbank Gold Project. Ms. Briscoe has also advised the Council of the Hamlet of Cambridge Bay that she will not participate in any meeting, discussion or decision making with regard to any future matter(s) related to the Meadowbank Gold Project that may come before the Council.

If the Proponent or any Party to NIRB's review of the Meadowbank Gold Project has a concern regarding these disclosures and/or the manner in which potential future conflicts will be managed, please contact NIRB in writing by November 30, 2005.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Copland
Acting Chair, Nunavut Impact Review Board

cc. Honourable Andy Scott, Minister Indian and Northern Affairs Canada
Ms. Stephanie Briscoe, Executive Director, Nunavut Impact Review Board