



File No. **03MN107**

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Mr. Craig Goodings
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Via email: cgoodings@cumberlandresources.com

Re: Meadowbank Gold Project FEIS Conformity and Final Hearing Schedule

Dear Mr. Goodings:

The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) thanks Cumberland Resources Ltd. (Cumberland) for its letter dated November 28, 2005 commenting on the timing of the Review process and Final Hearings and on the NIRB Conformity Review.

NIRB has decided, by way of copy of this correspondence to the Meadowbank Distribution List, to request comments from Parties on the timing of the process and Final Hearing and on Cumberland's suggestions to compress the review time schedule. NIRB requests that comments be submitted by **Friday December 2, 2005, 3:00 pm MST** to NIRB's Technical Advisor, Karlette Tunaley at ktunaley@nirb.nunavut.ca or by fax to 867-983-2594. NIRB will immediately send those comments to Cumberland for its reply, if any, due by **Monday December 5, 2005, 5:00 pm MST**. Two days later, December 7, 2005, NIRB will make a final decision on Cumberland's request to shorten the timelines.

With respect to Cumberland's response to NIRB's Conformity Analysis, NIRB would like to inform Cumberland that NIRB will not grant a positive conformity determination for the Meadowbank Gold Project FEIS until all the deficiencies outlined in its letter dated November 25, 2005 have been addressed. This includes the yes yellow cells highlighted in the Conformity Table attached to that letter.

If you have any questions, please contact me at sbriscoe@nirb.nunavut.ca or 867-983-4603.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Briscoe, Executive Director
Nunavut Impact Review Board

cc Honourable Andy Scott, Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada
Meadowbank Distribution List
Attachment Cumberland's letter dated November 28, 2005