



NIRB File No.: **03MN107**

Date: June 13, 2006

To: Meadowbank Gold Project Distribution List

Re: **Receipt of Cumberland Resources Ltd.'s Response to the NIRB's April 24th, 2006 Letter Regarding the Meadowbank Part 5 Review**

Dear Parties:

We refer you to the Nunavut Impact Review Board's (NIRB or Board) correspondence dated April 24, 2006 (attached), which directed Cumberland Resources Limited (CRL) to provide additional information to the Board in regards to:

1. All-weather road;
2. Socio-economic impacts; and
3. Consultation with Chesterfield Inlet residents.

NIRB received a document entitled *Cumberland Resources Ltd.'s Response to the NIRB's April 24th, 2006 Letter Regarding the Meadowbank Part 5 Review* (CRL Response) on June 12, 2006.

NIRB is directing all Parties to review the CRL Response, in the context **of the requests stated in the April 24, 2006 correspondence, including Appendix A.**

Consistent with other submissions prepared and filed by Parties during the course of this hearing, the following information is provided regarding the format for written submissions.

WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS

1. Executive Summary

Submissions must contain a non-technical detailed executive summary of the major issues identified during the review of the CRL Response.

2. Specific Issues

As noted above, the three (3) specific areas covered in the CRL Response are:

1. All-weather road;
2. Socio-economic impacts; and
3. Consultation with Chesterfield Inlet residents.

Additionally, Appendix A contains specific requests from the Board pertaining to these subject areas.

For any issue or concern that is identified during your review please provide the following:

- a. Identify the issue in detail and location of issue in CRL Response documentation;
- b. State the Proponent's conclusion related to the issue;
- c. State your conclusion to the issue and your justification;
- d. Provide brief discussion on the importance of the issue as related to NIRB's impact assessment process; and
- e. Provide a recommendation to the Board on the issue.

3. Matters Related to the Continuation of the Hearing

Parties should also provide any comments regarding the format by which the Board should continue the hearing – should it be via written submissions or through an oral hearing? If Parties are recommending an oral hearing, please comment on the timing and venue(s) for the continuation of the final hearing.

4. Summary of Recommendations

Submissions must contain a bulleted summary of the recommendations to the Board as they pertain to the specific issues under review. These recommendations should also contain any comments or recommendations related to the continuation of the hearing.

LANGUAGE OF THE DOCUMENTS

NIRB requires the executive summaries to be translated into Inuktitut and requests that Parties arrange for their own executive summary translations.

DEADLINE FOR FILING WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS

The Board is requesting that submissions be forwarded to NIRB no later than **July 7, 2006 at 3:00pm** Mountain Standard Time. This deadline has been set based on the assumption that all Parties are in possession of the CRL Response. Please contact Technical Advisor Carolanne Inglis at 867-983-2244 or cinglis@nirb.nunavut.ca by Friday June 16, 2006 if you are not in possession of this document. Upon receipt of the submissions by Parties on July 7, 2006, NIRB will provide CRL a short time period to respond to the submissions. NIRB will give further direction on the continuation of the hearing after this process has been completed.

For your information and reference, the *Cumberland Resources Ltd.'s Response to the NIRB's April 24th, 2006 Letter Regarding the Meadowbank Part 5 Review* document has been uploaded to NIRB's ftp site at:

http://ftp.nunavut.ca/nirb/03MN107-MEADOWBANK_GOLD_PROJECT/02-REVIEW/09-HEARING/292_SUPPLEMENTAL_INFO_JUNE-2/

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 867-983-4603.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stephanie Briscoe', with a stylized, cursive script.

Stephanie Briscoe
Executive Director

Cc: Honourable J. Prentice: Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada
C. Goodings: Cumberland Resources Limited