



**FILE NO.:** 03MN107

**DATE:** January 23, 2006

**TO:** Cumberland Resources Limited and Parties

**RE:** Meadowbank Gold Project FEIS Information Requests

Dear Cumberland and Parties:

The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) acknowledges with thanks, receipt of Meadowbank Gold Project FEIS Information Requests (IR) from KivIA, INAC, EC, HC, NrCan, TC, GN-DoE, and GN-CGS on January 20, 2006 and from DFO on January 21, 2006 in accordance with the IR process described in NIRB's letter dated December 20, 2005. All IRs are available for download from NIRB's ftp site at the following link:

[http://ftp.nunavut.ca/nirb/03MN107-MEADOWBANK\\_GOLD\\_PROJECT/02-REVIEW/08-FINAL\\_EIS/IRs/](http://ftp.nunavut.ca/nirb/03MN107-MEADOWBANK_GOLD_PROJECT/02-REVIEW/08-FINAL_EIS/IRs/).

Parties who submitted IRs, the corresponding number of IRs submitted, and the number of NIRB approved IRs is compiled in the following Table:

<b>PARTY</b>	<b>NO. IRs SUBMITTED</b>	<b>NO. NIRB APPROVED IRs</b>
Kivalliq Inuit Association (KivIA)	11	11
Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC)	33	32 (IR#26 not approved)
Environment Canada (EC)	19	19
Health Canada (HC)	4	4
Natural Resources Canada (NrCan)	2	2
Transport Canada (TC)	2	Cumberland is advised to contact Transport Canada directly
Government of Nunavut Department of Environment (GN-DoE)	4	4
Government of Nunavut Community Government and Services (GN-CGS)	3	3
Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO)	18	17 (IR#13 not approved)

A total of 96 IRs were received, of which NIRB has selected 92 IRs to forward to Cumberland Resources Limited (Cumberland). Cumberland is expected to submit answers to the selected IRs to both the interested Party and NIRB by **5:00 pm MST February 10, 2006**. Where specific documents have been requested, NIRB also expects Cumberland to provide the non-confidential content of those documents to





NIRB recommends that Cumberland review the comments and specialist advice provided by Transport Canada, in particular those concerning marine safety, and consider whether those comments are grounds for Cumberland to revise their Marine Shipping and Liability Regime applicable to the Meadowbank Project.

Please do not hesitate to contact Karlette Tunaley at [ktunaley@nirb.nunavut.ca](mailto:ktunaley@nirb.nunavut.ca) or 867-983-4605 for technical issues or myself for any other matters related to the Final Hearing.

Sincerely,

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Attachments:

Please download Information Requests from KivIA, INAC, EC, HC, TC, NrCan, GN-DoE, GN-CGS and DFO from the NIRB ftp site at [http://ftp.nunavut.ca/nirb/03MN107-MEADOWBANK\\_GOLD\\_PROJECT/02-REVIEW/08-FINAL\\_EIS/IRs/](http://ftp.nunavut.ca/nirb/03MN107-MEADOWBANK_GOLD_PROJECT/02-REVIEW/08-FINAL_EIS/IRs/)

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