

February 17, 2006

Ms. Stephanie Briscoe
Executive Director
Nunavut Impact Review Board
P.O. Box 2379
Cambridge Bay, Nunavut
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BY FAX and e-Mail

Dear Ms. Briscoe:

RE: Meadowbank Gold Project – Final Hearing Submissions from Parties

The Nunavut Impact Review Board's (NIRB) schedule for its Meadowbank proceeding calls for receipt of final written submissions from parties on Friday March 10th 2006. Cumberland Resources Ltd. respectfully requests that NIRB forward any submissions received from parties by the end of that day to Mr. Craig Goodings, with a copy to me a Cumberland's counsel. Cumberland would be greatly assisted if we could have these submissions over that weekend since we intend to initiate work on our final hearing presentation as soon as possible and your schedule only allows one week for its preparation and translation.

If such an arrangement creates difficulties for NIRB, we request that you instruct parties to copy Cumberland with their submissions as they forward them to NIRB.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Yours truly,

Original Signed By:

John Donihee
Counsel to Cumberland Resources Ltd.

cc. Craig Goodings

* Practising law through the John Donihee Professional Corporation.