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Via email: donihee@telusplanet.net

Re: Meadowbank Gold Project – Final Hearing Submissions from Parties

Dear Mr. Donihee:

The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) is in receipt of your letters dated February 17, 2006 regarding information sharing and the order of the final hearing.

With respect to the request that NIRB forward any Final Hearing written submissions received from Parties on March 10, 2006 to Mr. Craig Goodings, with a copy to you as Cumberland Resources Ltd.'s counsel, NIRB agrees to provide Cumberland with the opportunity to initiate work as soon as possible on its final hearing presentation.

By way of copy of this letter to the distribution list, NIRB requests that Parties email their written submissions to NIRB's Technical Advisor, Karlette Tunaley at ktunaley@nirb.nunavut.ca and copy Mr. Craig Goodings, Cumberland's Manager of Environmental and Regulatory Affairs at cgoodings@cumberlandresources.com and Mr. John Donihee at Donihee@telusplanet.net by **3:00 pm MST on March 10, 2005**.

With respect to your comments on the order of the final hearing, specifically the request to hold the community session in Baker Lake first, before the technical sessions, NIRB will respond once it receives comments from all Parties, if any, on the draft agenda which was distributed by NIRB on February 17, 2006. Comments on the draft agenda are due Monday February 27, 2006.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at the email address above or by phone at 867-983-4605.

Sincerely,

(original signed by:)

Karlette Tunaley, Technical Advisor
Nunavut Impact Review Board

cc Honourable Jim Prentice, Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada
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