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

Dear Ms. Briscoe:

**RE: Accommodation for Participants at the Meadowbank Hearings in Baker Lake**

Cumberland is aware that many participants in the upcoming Meadowbank hearings in Baker Lake have had difficulty securing accommodation. We are informed that DFO staff may have to stay in Rankin Inlet and Transport Canada staff in Churchill. Cumberland has had similar difficulties. Some of our staff/consultants may have to stay at the Meadowbank camp and fly back and forth to Baker Lake every day.

Given these circumstances there is a possibility that bad weather or mechanical problems could affect the ability of some interveners to attend the hearings. We are mindful of the problems which beset the government of Nunavut in the recent Doris hearing and the adjournment occasioned by their aircraft problems.

Obviously there is limited hotel and rental space in Baker Lake and none of the parties can create more in time for the hearings. We suggest that the parties be encouraged to cooperate and to identify any space in Baker Lake that is freed up between now and the hearings and could be made available to parties which are confronted with a daily "commute" to the hearings.

Cumberland will commit to assisting other parties by identifying available space if any becomes free. We will e-mail the distribution list to advise them of such an eventuality. We suggest that others consider doing the same in hopes that no delays will be required during the Meadowbank hearings because interveners can't make it to the hearings.

Yours truly,

**Original Signed By:**

John Donihee  
Counsel to Cumberland Resources Ltd.

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