



July 7, 2006

Mr. Craig Goodings
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Via Email: craigg@telus.net

Re: Comments on Cumberland's Submission regarding Meadowbank Gold Project and the proposed Temporary Explosives Magazine

Dear Mr. Goodings:

The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) acknowledges receipt on July 7, 2006 of comments from Parties regarding the following items:

1. Cumberland Resources Ltd.'s (Cumberland) response to NIRB's letter dated April 24, 2006;
2. Matters relating to the continuation of the Hearing; and
3. Cumberland's proposed Temporary Explosives Factory (Factory) for the Meadowbank Gold Project

Comments were received from the Kivalliq Inuit Association (KivIA), Government of Nunavut (GN), Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC), Environment Canada (EC), Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO), Transport Canada (TC), Natural Resources Canada (NRCan), Health Canada (HC), regarding items 1 and 2.

Comments were received from Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated (NTI), GN, NRCan, TC, the Municipality of Rankin Inlet, and Hatch Acres Incorporated regarding item 3.

All comments have been uploaded to NIRB's ftp site and are available for download from http://ftp.nunavut.ca/nirb/03MN107-MEADOWBANK_GOLD_PROJECT/02-REVIEW/09-HEARING/SUPPLEMENTAL_INFO_COMMENTS

In accordance with NIRB's letter to distribution dated June 13, 2006, NIRB would like Cumberland to provide its response, if any, to Parties' submissions regarding matters relating to the continuation of the Hearing to NIRB by **Tuesday July 11, 2006**.

In addition, Cumberland is advised to review Parties' comments regarding the Temporary Explosives Factory and provide NIRB with the following information as soon as possible:

1. The specific location of the Factory
2. How the Factory will be secured from Public access
3. Description of the Factory structure and the proposed activities to be carried out at the structure

4. Duration of use of the Factory
5. Whether or not the Hamlet of Baker Lake has a regulatory role and other appropriate permitting requirements (including any amendments to the Hamlet's water license)
6. Emergency response plans
7. If and when Cumberland intends to inform the Hamlet and residents of Baker Lake of the Factory and the activities to be carried out at the Factory

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at ktunaley@nirb.nunavut.ca or by telephone at 867-983-4605.

Sincerely,

(original signed by:)

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