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**Subject: Direction on the Continuance of the Meadowbank Hearing – Closing Remarks on the Five Issues**

Dear Ms Briscoe:

Thank you for providing Transport Canada (TC) with the opportunity to review and provide final closing remarks on the five (5) issues regarding the continuance of the Meadowbank Gold Project Hearing. Transport Canada has reviewed the five issues and the following comments are listed below.

Five Issues:

1. All-Weather Road

If the proposed all-weather road route remains unchanged, then TC's previous comments are valid, as all the water crossings intersecting the all-weather road were determined to be non-navigable. Should the all-weather road alignment change to include additional water crossings, TC – Navigable Waters Protection Program (NWPP) should be notified to determine the navigability of each crossing.

2. Socio-Economics

TC has no comments on the socio-economic impacts.

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### 3. Consultation with Chesterfield Inlet residents

TC has reviewed CRL's comments in regard to our response to the Supplementary Submission and is satisfied that they have acknowledged and agreed to comply with our recommendations.

### 4. Temporary Explosives Factory

TC has no comments on the temporary explosives factory.

### 5. Identification of any gaps in Cumberland's list of commitments

Cumberland Resources Ltd. should commit to submitting NWPP applications for any works occurring in a navigable water. ("No work shall be built or placed in, on, over, under, through or across any navigable water unless the work and the site and plans thereof have been approved by the Minister, on such terms and conditions as the Minister deems fit, prior to commencement of construction".)

Transport Canada has reviewed the five issues and offers the following closing remarks:

- We are satisfied that CRL concurs and will comply with our supplementary review recommendations.
- Cumberland Resources Ltd. should also commit to submitting NWPP applications for any works occurring in a navigable water.

In closing, TC has no objection with the Meadowbank Gold Project proceeding to the regulatory approval stage.

If you require further explanation on these comments, please contact me via email at [cowanj@tc.gc.ca](mailto:cowanj@tc.gc.ca)

Sincerely,

(Original signed by:)

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