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Ms Stephanie Briscoe  
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**Subject: Health Canada's Final Closing Remarks for the Meadowbank Gold Project**

Dear Ms Briscoe,

Health Canada has reviewed the information on the proposed Meadowbank Gold Project that has been provided to it and has no further comments.

However, as the list of commitments provided on July 19, 2006 does not include the establishment of a plan to monitor contaminant levels in the tissues of country foods, I would like to reiterate that in order to ensure that the health of community members is protected, Health Canada recommends that this commitment be made. The supporting information given to justify Cumberland's position that contaminant levels in animal tissues will not increase have not convinced the experts at Health Canada that this precautionary approach is unnecessary. Health Canada is willing to continue working with Cumberland and any other interested parties in establishing such a plan.

The opportunity to participate in the environmental assessment process for this project has been well appreciated and I would like to offer my thanks to the NIRB, the NIRB staff, Cumberland Resources Ltd. and all other parties for their work and cooperation.

Should you have any further questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at (613) 946-3543 or by email at [Margaux\\_Brisco@hc-sc.gc.ca](mailto:Margaux_Brisco@hc-sc.gc.ca)

Yours sincerely,

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