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**Re: Meadowbank Gold Mine NLCA Part 5 Review; Closing of the Hearing Record**

The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) has now concluded its hearing record for the above-noted project.

NIRB thanks all Parties and Cumberland Resources Ltd. (CRL) for their comprehensive efforts and consideration of issues related the Meadowbank Gold Project. In accordance with NIRB's hearing procedures, the Board has decided that it has sufficient information to close the record and make its recommendation to the Minister of DIAND. NIRB will make this decision consistent with its Nunavut Land Claim's mandate.

NIRB will deliberate and forward its decision to the Minister (copy to proponent and other parties) by the end of August 2006.

Yours Truly,

Elizabeth Copland  
Acting Chairperson for the Nunavut Impact Review Board

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