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Environment Canada****PHONE: 867-360-6338****PHONE: 867-975-4639****FAX: 867-360-6369****FAX: 867-975-4645****Number of pages including cover: 2****Subject: MWB1MEA – Application for Water Licence – Meadowbank Gold Project****MESSAGE:**

Hi Philippe,

Please find attached Environment Canada's comments in response to your letter dated May 8, 2003 regarding the Cumberland Resource Ltd. water licence application. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Best regards,

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Dear Philippe:

RE: NWB1MEA - Application for Water Licence – Meadowbank Gold Project

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to your letter dated May 8, 2003 in regards to the Cumberland Resources Ltd. application for a water licence for the Meadowbank Gold Project. Environment Canada (EC) has reviewed the information contained within your letter and offers the following comments for your consideration.

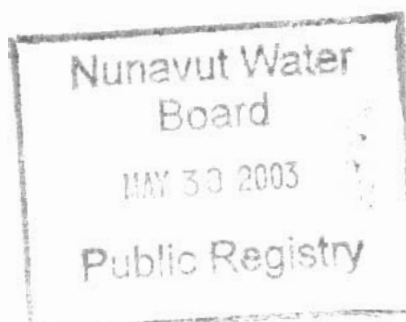
The Nunavut Water Board (NWB) has requested that interested parties provide their initial comments on the application and supporting documentation (the Project Description Report) and identify any deficiencies in the information presented. Environment Canada recognizes that the decision to accept the application lies totally with the Nunavut Water Board's jurisdiction and therefore leaves that decision to the Board. Environment Canada will identify any deficiencies when this project enters the environmental assessment process.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or comments with regards to the foregoing at (867) 975-4639 or by email at colette.meloche@ec.gc.ca.

Yours truly,

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