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February 23, 2000

Rita Becker
Licensing Administrator
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Dear Rita:

Received your letter dated February 21, 2000 concerning the review deadline date of April 3, 2000.
File No: NWB2MEA9899

Cumberland Resources Ltd. would like to start to mobilize our field crew into camp approximately March 21st to 27th. Activities planned are gridding and geophysics prior to the start of diamond drilling. Drilling would not start until after receiving NWB approval, approximately the second or third week of April. Please advise if you have any concerns with this start date.

Thanks for your co-operation.

Sincerely,

CUMBERLAND RESOURCES LTD.

R. Brian Alexander
Project Manager



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