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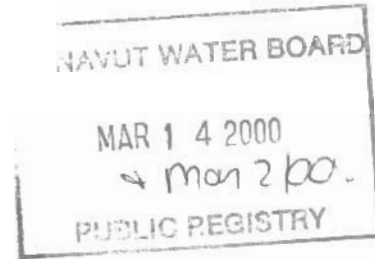
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Dear Rita or Dionne:

Received your letter dated February 29, 2000 and have had a telephone conversation with Dionne today concerning the review deadline date of April 3, 2000. File No: NWB2MEA9899

Cumberland Resources Ltd. would like request interim short-term approval to start to mobilize our field crew into camp approximately March 21st to 27th. Please advise us if you have any further requirements, as I will try to address them immediately.

Thanks for your continued co-operation.

Sincerely,

CUMBERLAND RESOURCES LTD.

R. Brian Alexander
Project Manager