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Ms. Rita Becker
Licensing Administrator
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P.O. Box 119
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Dear Ms. Becker:

Re: Water License #NWB2MEA9899

Thank you for your letter regarding the above mentioned water license at our Meadowbank Project.

We are presently compiling a year-end report to include all information as indicated in Item 7.3 and will submit prior to January. Can you please send us a renewal application for Year 2000 activities.

Best Regards

CUMBERLAND RESOURCES LTD.


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