

**CUMBERLAND
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February 8, 2005

Nunavut Water Board
P.O. Box 119
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Attention: Philippe di Pizzo
Executive Director

Re: **Renewal of NWB License No. NWB2MEA0204**

Dear Mr. di Pizzo:

Cumberland Resources Ltd. plans to continue exploration programs at the Meadowbank Project, located 70 km north of Baker Lake, in 2005 and would like to apply for a renewal of our Water Use and Waste Disposal License (NWB License No. NWB2MEA0204).

As outlined in the enclosed detailed work plan for 2005, exploration work at the site would involve exploration drilling, geological mapping and prospecting, and geophysical surveys; along with the movement of two fuel vaults, the construction of a pioneer airstrip to support continued exploration and improve safety at the site, and continued baseline environmental and archeological studies.

A proposal to construct an airstrip near the north camp was originally submitted to NIRB in 2002. NIRB completed their screening of the proposal for eco-systemic and socio-economic impacts and indicated that the proposal could be processed without a formal review under part 5 or part 6 (a copy of NIRB's letter is included in appendix A of the detailed work plan). Cumberland would like to proceed with the construction of this airstrip (in the same footprint as designed in 2002) in the summer of 2005 in order to improve access in support of continuing exploration at the site.

Enclosed with this letter is a completed application form, a completed supplementary questionnaire, a detailed work plan for proposed 2005 activities (with executive summary in Inuktitut), and an addendum for Cumberland's Fuel Transport and Storage Management Plan. A cheque for the \$30 application fee is also enclosed.

Please review the information provided and contact us if you require any further information.

Sincerely,

CUMBERLAND RESOURCES LTD.



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