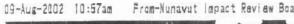
APPENDIX A

CUMBERLAND RESOURCES LTD. MEADOWBANK GOLD PROJECT, NUNAVUT

NIRB SCREENING LETTER

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August 8, 2002

To:

Veronica Tattuinee Land Administrator Kivalliq Inuit Association Rankin Inlet, NU



Re: Airstrip Construction Meadowbank Gold Project NIRB: 02EA110 KIA

Enclosed is the completed NIRB Screening Decision Report for the above-mentioned project

NIRB has screened this application for eco-systemic and socio-economic impacts of the proposal.

NIRB's indication to the Minister is: 12.4.4 (a) the proposal may be processed without a review under Part 5 or 6; NIRB may recommend specific terms and conditions to be attached to any approval, reflecting the primary objectives set out in Section 12.2.5;

Please contact me at (867) 983-2593 if you have any questions about the Screening Decision Report.

Yours truly,

Gladys Joudrey Environmental Assessment Officer Nunavut Impact Review Board





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August 8, 2002

Mr. Sandy Tongola President, Kivallig Inuit Association Rankin Inlet, Nunavut XOC 0G0

Dear Mr. Milortok:

RE: Screening Decision of the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) on an Application:

KIA NTRB: 02EA110

Airstrip Construction Meadowbank Gold Project (Cumberland Resources Ltd.)

Authority:

Section 12.4.4 of the Nunavut Land Claim Agreement states:

Upon receipt of a project proposal, NIRB shall screen the proposal and indicate to the Minister in writing that:

- a) the proposal may be processed without a review under Part 5 or 6; NIRB may recommend specific terms and conditions to be attached to any approval, reflecting the primary objectives set out in Section 12.2.5;
- b) the proposal requires review under Part 5 or 6; NIRB shall identify particular issues or concerns which should be considered in such a review;
- c) the proposal is insufficiently developed to permit proper screening, and should be returned to the proponent for clarification; or
- d) the potential adverse impacts of the proposal are so unacceptable that it should be modified or abandoned.

Primary Objectives:

The primary objectives of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement is referenced in the screening section 12.4.4 (a) are set out in section 12.2.5 of the Land Claims Agreement. This section reads:

In carrying out its functions, the primary objectives of NIRB shall be at all times to protect and promote the existing and future well-being of the residents and communities of the Nunavut Settlement Area, and to protect the ecosystemic integrity of the Nunavut Settlement Area, NIRB shall take into account the well-being of the residents of Canada outside the Nunavut Settlement Area.

The decision of the Board in this case is 12.4.4 (a) the proposal may be processed without a review under Part 5 or 6; NIRB may recommend specific terms and conditions to be attached to any approval, reflecting the primary objectives set out in Section 12.2.5;

- 13. The Permittee shall have a spill contingency plan in place prior to commencement of the land use operation.
- 14. The Permittee shall immediately report all spills of petroleum and hazardous chemicals to the twenty four (24) hour spill report line (867) 920-8130.

Archaeological Sites

15. The Permittee shall follow all terms and conditions for the protection and restoration of archaeological resources as outlined by the Department of Culture, Language, Elders and Youths (CLEY) in attached letter.

Wildlife

- 16. The Permittee shall ensure that there is no damage to wildlife habitat in conducting this land use operation.
- 17. The Licensee shall ensure compliance with Section 36 of the Fisheries Act, which requires that no person shall deposit or permit the deposit of a deleterious substance on any type in water frequented by fish or in any place under any conditions where the deleterious substance may enter such a water body.
- 18. The harmful alteration, disruption or destruction of fish habitat is prohibited under Section 35 of the Fisheries Act. No construction or disturbance of any stream/lake bed or banks of any definable watercourse is permitted unless authorized by DFO.

Attachments

19. The Permittee shall refer to the attached Fisheries and Oceans letter of advice addressed to the Permittee.

Reclamation

- 20. The Permittee shall remove all scrap metal, discarded machinery and parts, barrels and kegs, buildings and building material upon abandonment.
- 21. The Permittee shall complete all clean-up and restoration of the lands used prior to the expiry date of this permit. This includes stabilizing and re-vegetating all disturbed areas upon completion of work to a pre-disturbed state.

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Other Recommendations

1. NIRB would like to encourage the propourms to hime local people and services, to the extent possible, and to continue consulting with local residents regarding their activities in the region

2. Any amendment requests documed by NIFB to be outside the original scope of the project

will be considered a new project.

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Validity of Land Claims Agreement

Section 2.12.2

Where there is any inconsistency or conflict between any federal, territorial and local government laws, and the Agreement, the Agreement shall prevail to the extent of the inconsistency or conflict.

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