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File No: NWB2MEA9899

February 16, 2000

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Subject: Cumberland Resources Ltd. – Request for Screening – Renewal of NWB File No: NWB2MEA9899-Meadowbank Project

The Nunavut Water Board received an application for a permit renewal on February 16, 2000 from Cumberland Resources Ltd. for renewal of permit NWB2MEA9899 for water use and waste disposal associated with exploratory drilling and advanced exploration.

In accordance with Articles 12 and 13 of the *Agreement Between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada*, this project shall be screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board to determine whether it has significant impact potential, and whether it requires review, before the application can be processed by the Nunavut Water Board.

NWB2MEA9899 was previously screened by NIRB through NIRB Files #99EN044 and #98W02N077 in July, 1999 and June, 1998.

I am send some of the application documents by e-mail and others by fax. **Please determine whether this project is subject to screening at this time, and provide the NWB with a written response of your determination.**

Sincerely,

Rita Becker
Licensing Administrator

cc. Brian Alexander, Cumberland Resources Ltd.

Enclosure: Application Material