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Mr. Roger March Cumberland Resources Ltd. 906-595 Howe Street Vancouver, BC V6C 2T5

Re: Requirement for Notice of the application for the Meadowbank Project

Dear Mr. March:

As follow-up to my letter dated February 19, 2002, I would like to inform you that the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) has completed their conformity review and that your project is currently being screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board and has been sent for their determination as to whether they require further review, or if it can be processed by the Nunavut Water Board.

I have been asked by the Board to inform you that a <u>notice of your application is required</u>. This notice of requirement is based on Article 13.3.14 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA), which states that the Board should take "...all steps necessary by way of notice...to provide and promote public awareness [of hearings]."

Accordingly, please have the enclosed notice in both English and Inuktitut published in a two-column width format in the **Kivalliq News** as per enclosed "Instructions for Publication of Notice in Newspaper." The Applicant is responsible for payment of the publication.

Upon request from the public, we ask you to make available, free of charge, copies of all documents pertaining to this application. Any person who is affected by this application or concerned with it, may submit a letter of concern, which must be submitted to the Board within the period of time shown on the public notice.

Please note that the confirmation of notice posting, must be submitted to our office before your application process will be completed.

Please call the undersigned at (867)360-6338 or rbecker@polarnet.ca if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

Rita Becker, Licensing Administrator

Enclosures