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Item: NWB2MEA0204/Part B/Item 1

March 22, 2004

*By Email*

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Subject: Review of 2002 and 2003 Year End Reports for the Meadowbank Exploration Project

Dear Mr. Goodings,

The Nunavut Water Board (“NWB”) has commenced its review of the 2002 Year End Report, received February 4, 2003 and the 2003 Year End Report, received February 6, 2004 for the Meadowbank Exploration Project (“Meadowbank”). The NWB apologizes for the delay in reviewing the 2002 report; for certain reasons the NWB was unable to examine this report in a more timely fashion.

While both reports present information about the activities at Meadowbank in a clear and non-technical format, there is, however, key information that is missing from the NWB’s perspective. Part B, Item 1 of Water Licence NWB2MEA0204 (“Licence”) states that the annual report must contain the following information:

- i. A summary report of water use and waste disposal activities;
- ii. A list of unauthorized discharges and a summary of follow-up actions taken;
- iii. Revision to the Contingency Plan;
- iv. Revisions to the Abandonment and Restoration Plan;
- v. Progressive reclamation work undertaken;
- vi. Any other details on water use or waste disposal requested by the Board by November 1 of the year being reported.

From the NWB’s initial examination of the 2002 and 2003 Year End Reports, it appears that the information requirements of the Licence have not been met. In order for the NWB to complete its review of the two reports, Cumberland Resources Limited (“Proponent”) is requested to address the above-listed outstanding information requirements. A full revision of the 2002 and 2003 Year End Reports is not required. Instead, the Proponent is advised to submit addenda that sequentially address the items required in Part B, Item 1 of the Licence.

Any questions or concerns you have can be addressed to Patrick Duxbury at telephone (867) 983-3039 or email [coordinator@nwb.nunavut.ca](mailto:coordinator@nwb.nunavut.ca) or to the undersigned.

Yours truly,

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