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Rita Becker Licensing Administrator Nunavut Water Board P.O. Box 119, Gjoa Haven, Nunavut, X0E 1J0

Dear Rita:

File No: NWB2MEA0002

Cumberland Resources Ltd. would like to start to mobilize our field crew into camp on March 21st. Activities planned are gridding prior to the start of diamond drilling. Drilling would not start until after receiving NWB approval, approximately the first week of April. Ground geophysics is planned concurrently with the drill program. Please advise if you have any concerns with this start date.

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Thanks for your co-operation.

Sincerely,

CUMBERLAND RESOURCES LTD.

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R. Brian Alexander Project Manager