

May 29, 2000

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

Dear Rita or Dionne:

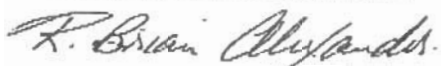
Cumberland Resources Ltd. wishes to inform you that the first phase of diamond drilling has been completed for the Meadowbank Project's Vault Grid. Ten drill holes (938 meters) were completed from May 9th to May 19th. Reference NWB Permit No. NWB2MEA0002.

Ground geophysics and geological mapping or prospecting programs are planned in the summer months, followed by a second phase of diamond drilling expected to start in August. In preparation for the drill program a temporary fuel cache was established on the Vault Grid, consisting of 25 drums of diesel and 6 drums of Jet B. Drill and equipment have also temporarily been left on the Vault Grid as well, all of which will be removed by September.

Cumberland will notify your office of the continuation of drilling activities in August.

Sincerely,

CUMBERLAND RESOURCES LTD.



R. Brian Alexander
Project Manager