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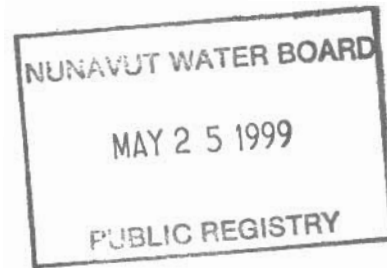
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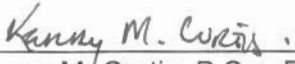
Dear Sir:

Please find enclosed information regarding proposed exploration trenching at the Meadowbank Gold Project, Nunavut. The trenching program will not involve water use beyond our current consumption levels approved for exploration drilling and camp facilities. All proposed trenches are located greater than 20 metres away from a water course.

Please call me if you require any further information.

Best regards,

CUMBERLAND RESOURCES LTD.



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