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Subject: Submission of a revised 2006 Fuel Spill Contingency Plan and a revised 2006 Abandonment and Restoration Plan for the Meadowbank Exploration Project; Licence No. 2BB-MEA507

Dear Mr. March;

The Nunavut Water Board ("NWB") would like to acknowledge the receipt of the above two revised documents on September 21, 2006 as requested by letter dated July 18, 2006 to fulfill requirements under Part H, Item 1 and Part I, Item 1 of Licence 2BB-MEA0507.

The Fuel Spill Contingency Plan and the Abandonment and Restoration Plan revisions have been reviewed for their completeness with respect to the requirements of the July 18, 2006 letter and have been found to adequately address the concerns.

The Board has taken into consideration the information submitted during the initial review of the Amendment Application that ended June 26, 2006 along with the recent internal review and hereby accepts and approves the Fuel Spill Contingency Plan and the Abandonment and Restoration Plan under **Motion 2006-35**, dated **July 19, 2006**.

As a follow-up to this approval and as a means of seeking continuous improvements to the above two Plans, Cumberland Resources Ltd. is requested to provide as an addendum to the approved plans, including them with the submission of the 2006 Annual Report, due no later than March 31, 2007. These addendums shall take into account the following:

Fuel Spill Contingency Plan

- i. The INAC Water Resources Officer contact number in Section II, Item A3 and IV should be changed to 975-4295 (direct line to Peter Kusugak) as the 975-4298 extension is for the Inspector, who more than likely would not be in the office to answer the phone. This has been a recent request from INAC.
- ii. Section II, A, 3 on reporting of a spill, should indicate that the spill once reported to the 24 hour Spill Report Line and the Inspector, is to be followed up with a detailed written report to the Inspector within 30 days of the initial incident and reporting. This submission should describe the spill along with the reasons for failure, the containment and recovery and

disposal of materials and an evaluation of the cause and preventative measures to be undertaken in order to prevent a recurrence.

- iii. A process flow chart, indicating how the Plan should proceed from the initial discovery of a spill through to final reporting and closing of the file is recommended to be included within the Plan for quick reference.
- iv. The disposal of contaminated soils/materials needs to be better described within the Plan. The Licensee is reminded that the Government of Nunavut, Environmental Protection requires the registration of all waste generators and completion of proper documentation for the transportation and disposal of hazardous wastes. Any contaminated soils/materials from spill recovery operations that will require removal from the site, will need to comply with these procedures.

Abandonment And Restoration Plan

- i. Sections 2.3.1.2 and 3.9 should be revised to indicate that contaminated soils will not remain on site. The sections indicate that they will be stored. These materials should be contained, removed and disposed of at an approved facility, or adequately treated to remain on site.
- ii. Costs should be included in the Reclamation estimate that address the clean-up and disposal of contaminated materials. A contingency could be added to take this requirement into account.

The NWB looks forward to the receipt of the addendum for the above documents to be submitted along with the Annual Report.

Should you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me at (780) 443-4406, at your earliest convenience.

Yours truly,

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