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WMC Limited, the parent company of WMC International Limited (WIL), is reviewing a number of restructuring options in relation to its gold business, which includes two gold operations in Western Australia and a 50.48% interest in Central Norseman Gold Corporation Ltd.

WMC Limited has decided to include WIL's 56% interest in the Meliadine West Gold Project in the package of gold assets that are available. The restructuring options include growing the gold business, merging the gold assets with other company gold assets, or sale.

I have attached for your information copies of press releases issued today by Cumberland Resources Ltd. and Comaplex Minerals Inc., our joint venture partners in the Meliadine West Gold Project.

Our relationship with the local community has been and continues to be very important to us.

I will try to reach you by phone to answer any questions you may have

Yours sincerely,

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NEWS RELEASE

MELIADINE WEST 2001 PROGRAM

CUMBERLAND RESOURCES LTD. (CBD-TSE) has been notified by WMC International Ltd. (WMC) that the 2001 program on the Meliadine West Project will be limited to a previously committed airborne geophysical survey estimated to cost approximately \$350,000. The program is designed to complete the airborne coverage over a large continuous land package.

WMC is considering various options to restructure their gold division. WMC has decided to include the Meliadine Project in the package of assets that are available. Further information will be released as available.

The Meliadine West Project is held 56% by WMC International Ltd., 22% by Cumberland and 22% by Comaplex Minerals Corp. WMC is the operator and finances all expenditures on the project.

Cumberland Resources is a Canadian gold exploration company with interests in three emerging projects: Meadowbank (100%), Meliadine West (22% carried), and Meliadine East (50%). The Company is well financed with approximately \$5.2 million in cash to advance these outstanding projects. All projects are located in the Nunavut Territory, Canada.

For further information, please contact Mr. Glen Dickson, President, or Mr. Kerry Curtis, Senior Vice President.

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PRESS RELEASE**Meliadine West Gold Project****May 8, 2001**

COMAPLEX MINERALS CORP. ("Comaplex") (CMF-TSE) (www.comaplex.com) has received additional information with regard to operations concerning the Meliadine West Gold Project.

WMC Limited ("WMC"), the operator, who has a 56 percent interest in the property (Comaplex 22 percent and Cumberland Resources Ltd. 22 percent), recently issued a news release in which it disclosed that it is planning to merge or sell its gold business unit. Comaplex was also informed by WMC that the Meliadine property was not included in the sale or merger plans. Kindly refer to Comaplex's April 25, 2001 press release on our web site (address above) for further details.

WMC has now advised that it has further reviewed the Meliadine property and has concluded that:

- the Meliadine property is available for sale or merger along with its producing gold properties or as a separate sale from its producing gold properties
- WMC will not be conducting a work program on the property in 2001
- data rooms will be made available for potential buyers or merger partners in the near future

Comaplex's view is that it is too early to speculate on how it may, if at all, impact our shareholders other than to say our preliminary thoughts are that it may create new opportunities. We will keep our shareholders apprised of developments as they occur.

For additional information please contact Mr. George Fink, President, Mr. Phillip Mudry, Vice President, Exploration, or Mr. Mark Balog, Exploration Manager at - (403) 265-2846.