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May 5, 1998

ATTN: Philippe di Pizzo

Dear Mr. di Pizzo:

REF: Application for Water Use Permit-Meliadine East Project, Atulik Lake area.

For our Meliadine East Project, we would like to apply for a water license in support of our summer 1998 activities. As required, enclosed are the following items:

- 1) Nunavut Water Board License application
- 2) Cheque for \$30-application fee
- 3) Photocopy of land use permit
- 4) Photocopy of 1: 250,000 scale map with camp location

Note that a supplemental questionniare is not included, as the questions are not relevant to our planned "grassroots" level of activities. Although our land use permit includes a provision for drilling, the company has elected to conduct brief program of surveying, prospecting and geological mapping. Drilling will not be conducted this season.

I trust this fulfills all of the requirements of the Nunavut Water Board. Please do not hesitate to call if further clarification is necessary.

Sincerely,

CUMBERLAND RESOURCES LTD.

Janice Fingler

Project Manager-Meliadine East Project

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