

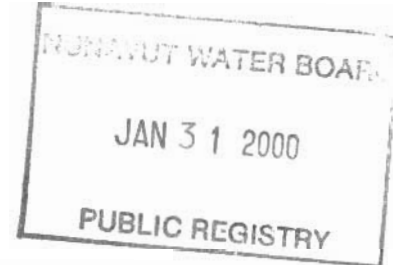


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JANUARY 31, 2000
ATTN: Philippe di Pizzo, Executive Director

Dear Mr. di Pizzo:

REF: Water Use Permit NWB2ATU9899, Meliadine East Project
Atulik Lake, Rankin Inlet area

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PC	<i>[initials]</i>
LA	<i>Feb 3/00</i>
OM	<i>[initials]</i>
TA	<i>28/02/00</i>
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ED	<i>[initials]</i>
CEO	<i>[initials]</i>
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In accordance with the above permit, enclosed is the closing report presenting a summary of our 1999 project activities at this site. We would like to apply for another permit for this project and will submit the required application shortly.

I trust this fulfills the requirements of the permit received from the Nunavut Water Board. Please contact me if there are any further questions or deficiencies.

Sincerely,

CUMBERLAND RESOURCES LTD.



Janice Fingler

Project Manager-Meliadine East Project

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Human wastes are disposed of into outhouses which are dug into the gravel of an esker in the camp area. Each site is buried and covered after use.

Greywater is discharged into a sump located to the north of the camp, and combustible and kitchen wastes are incinerated. Scrap metal and bulky items are recycled for other use, where possible, or disposed of to the municipal dump of Rankin Inlet. Empty drums are either refilled if they are in good condition, or are returned to Rankin Inlet to be crushed and shipped to Churchill, for recycling and/or disposal. Waste oil and grease are sent to a company in Rankin Inlet for further recycling and use.

WASTE DISPOSAL

Water used for domestic purposes was drawn from Atulik Lake, to the south of the camp. The intake uses a screen to prevent entrapment of fish. Before ice break up, water is drawn intermittently from the lake and retained in interior holding tanks which are cleaned and disinfected pre and post season. The campsite has been in use for in excess of 10 years, with no illnesses reported related to water quality.

A total of 15, land based diamond drillholes were completed during the program. The holes were all less than 200 meters and the drill was on each site for an average of 1-1.5 days. None of the sites were near a major water body or watercourse. Water used during drilling was drained into natural depressions, and any additives used were non-toxic.

WATER USE

Nunasi Helicopters
Major Midwest Drilling
Val D'Or Sagax Geophysics
SESL Geomatics

The 1999 project activities were conducted during the period from May 31st – August 24th, 1999. Approximately 5-17 employees and contractors worked out of the seasonally occupied camp located on the western end of Atulik Lake, at W091° 55' 50" N62° 55'. Exploration activities included surface gridding, geological mapping, prospecting, geochemical sampling, geophysical surveying and diamond drilling. A helicopter was used for support, and traverses were completed on foot. The contractors used on site during this program were:

KIA Land Use Permit No. KI97C098
NWB Water Use Permit No. NWB2ATU9899

Atulik Lake, Rankin Inlet area
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MELADINE EAST PROJECT SUMMARY-1999

CAMP INFRASTRUCTURE

The camp on this site has been used seasonally since 1990, and was originally selected for as the best site near the Discovery deposit located 2km to the north. This area was the focus of early exploration activities. The camp consisted of two wooden structures (kitchen and coppersack), with several weatherhaven and jutiland type tents with wooden flooring. Gravel walkways and wooden pallets connect the main walkways between these structures. No tracked or wheeled vehicles are used in camp or in the project area.

FUEL/CHEMICAL STORAGE

During the program, Jet B, gas and propane fuel was stored at the camp site, and cache sites, as approved the KIA. Empties are held in camp until spring and are either refuelled and returned to camp, or are crushed and disposed of.

Currently stored at camp are the following quantities of fuel:

82 drums of diesel fuel

85 drums of Jet B fuel (sealed)

10-100lb propane

77% calcium chloride flake (used in drilling) is contained in 50kg triple bags, and are stored in wooden crates on pallets in the campsite. Drilling additives and grease are stored in sealed 5 gallon pails within a wooden shed containing drill parts.

The fuel storage areas were checked regularly during the exploration program, and no spills were reported.

ABANDONMENT and RESTORATION

As Cumberland Resources Ltd, together with Complex Minerals Corporation, is planned to execute additional exploration on the property during 2000, no plans have been made for abandonment/reclamation of the permit site.

Respectfully Submitted,

CUMBERLAND RESOURCES LTD.

Janice Fingler, Project Manager, P.Geo.

Date

January 31st / 00