

CUMBERLAND RESOURCES LTD
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

Report of Foreign Private Issuer
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Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of **July**

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Cumberland Resources Ltd.

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

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(Address of principal executive offices)

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Cumberland Resources Ltd.

By: /s/ Kerry M. Curtis

Date: July 22, 2004

Name: Kerry M. Curtis

Title: President & CEO

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Cumberland Reports Additional Drill Results from Meadowbank Gold Project

CUMBERLAND RESOURCES LTD. (TSX: CLG; AMEX: CLG) is pleased to report additional Phase I 2004 drill results from the Company's 100% owned Meadowbank gold project, located 70 kilometres north of the Hamlet of Baker Lake, Nunavut Territory. The Meadowbank 2004 exploration program, with a budget of \$5.9 million, is focusing on deposit and open pit expansion, and exploration of new targets within the 25 kilometre gold trend. The Phase I program consisted of 90 drill holes in approximately 14,700 metres. The Phase II program is ongoing and will continue through September.

At the Vault deposit, one of three preliminary open pit designs at Meadowbank, the Phase I drill program focused on expansion of the Vault open pit design through conversion of inferred resources into the measured and indicated resource category and exploration for the continuation of mineralization at the Phaser Lake target, located 400 metres southwest of the Vault deposit.

Highlights from 2004 infill drilling at the Vault deposit include:

5.75 g/t gold over 11.30 m at 45 m below surface in hole VLT04-231

7.14 g/t over 3.44 m at 80 m below surface in hole VLT04-227

6.41 g/t over 3.35 m at 80 m below surface in hole VLT04-233

6.02 g/t over 6.01 m at 94 m below surface in hole VLT04-242

3.17 g/t over 13.01 m at 60 m below surface in hole VLT04-225

Closely-spaced drill holes in the northeast portion of the Vault deposit have provided the definition of near-surface higher grade resources necessary to maximize open pit potential and will support the ongoing feasibility, remarked Kerry Curtis, President and CEO. In addition, drilling at Phaser Lake confirms the extension of a low grade mineralized horizon for an additional 500 metres which remains open for further exploration.

The Vault deposit is one of six closely-spaced, near surface gold deposits at the Meadowbank gold project.

Vault Deposit Resources Q1/2004*

| Resource Category | Tonnes | Grade (g/t) | Ounces Gold |
|--------------------------|---------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Measured and Indicated | 7,944,000 | 3.6 | 919,000 |
| Inferred | 2,513,000 | 3.8 | 307,000 |

The 2004 drilling is designed to convert near-surface inferred resources in the northeast sector of the Vault deposit into measured and indicated resources for potential open pit expansion. Based on previous wide-spaced drilling, the northeastern sector of the deposit was known to host higher than average grades with hole VLT02-056 intersecting 5.04 g/t over 10.75 metres at 60 metres below surface. The Phase I 2004 program included 14 infill drill holes spaced over the 150 metre length of the northeast flank of the deposit. These holes intersected mineralization at predicted depths and have yielded grades which are generally above the average grade of the deposit.

In 2003, exploration drilling located 400 metres southwest of the Vault deposit, at Phaser Lake, intersected shallow gold mineralization. Drill hole VLT03-135 intersected 6.08 g/t gold over 1.30 metres at a depth of 13 metres below surface and drill hole VLT03-141 intersected 2.99 g/t over 1.31 metres at a depth of 29 metres below surface (see news release NR03-20). In 2004, an additional 12 drill holes have extended this mineralization over a 500 metre by 350 metre area. While the grade and width of mineralization intercepted by drilling in 2004 is low and considered non-economic, the continuity and style of mineralization is identical to that of the Vault deposit and further wide-spaced drilling is planned to determine the potential for the extension of higher grade mineralization south and west of the Vault deposit. The Vault mineralized horizon is now known to extend for 1.8 kilometres along strike and is open for continued exploration to the southwest and at depth.

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A table of initial drill results and a drill hole location map are attached to this release. Additional results from the Meadowbank Phase I spring drill program will be announced within the next several weeks and the Phase II summer drill program will continue through September.

The Meadowbank project is host to the third largest undeveloped gold resource in Canada.

Meadowbank Project Resources Q1/2004*

| Resource Category | Tonnes | Grade (g/t) | Ounces Gold |
|--------------------------|---------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Measured and Indicated | 21,685,000 | 4.3 | 2,998,000 |
| Inferred | 5,700,000 | 4.3 | 788,000 |

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Cumberland is completing a feasibility study on the Meadowbank gold project. Initiated in 2003, completion of the feasibility study was extended in early 2004 due to global escalations in fuel, steel and other construction items which impacted the preliminary construction cost estimates for the project. The Company is completing a 2004 drill program to enhance gold resources at Meadowbank and is progressing on an extensive range of feasibility optimization studies with the goal of completing feasibility in the fall of 2004.

Cumberland is a well financed mineral exploration and development company which holds interests in two undeveloped gold properties in Nunavut, Canada: Meadowbank (100%) and Meliadine West (22% carried to production).

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Kerry M. Curtis, B.Sc., P.Geo.
President and CEO

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Roger B. March, P.Geo., is the Senior Project Geologist and designated Q.P. for the Meadowbank Project. Mr. March has supervised drill hole planning, implementation and quality control/quality assurance programs at the Meadowbank Project since 1996. Drill core analysis is performed on split core with standard fire assay procedures and AA finish. QA/QC programs employ random insertion of four internal standards, field duplicates and blank samples. Gravimetric analysis is performed on any sample yielding greater than 1 g/t gold in fire assay. Primary assaying is performed by IPL Laboratories, of Vancouver. ACME Analytical Laboratories of Vancouver provides external reference assaying.

* Mineral resources that are not mineral reserves do not have demonstrated economic viability. Mineral resource estimates do not account for mineability, selectivity, mining loss and dilution. These mineral resource estimates include inferred mineral resources that are normally considered too speculative geologically to have economic considerations applied to them that would enable them to be categorized as mineral reserves. There is also no certainty that these inferred resources will be converted to measured and indicated categories through further drilling, or into mineral reserves once economic considerations are applied. The standards employed by AMEC in estimating the mineral resources differ significantly from the requirements of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and the resource information reported by United States companies. The term resources does not equate to reserve and normally may not be included in documents filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Resources are sometimes referred to as mineralization or mineral deposits .

Resource estimates (Q1/2004) were prepared in conformance with the requirements set out in National Instrument 43-101 by AMEC independent qualified persons as defined by NI 43-101. All resource estimates (except for the PDF deposit which is not included in the current feasibility study) have been prepared by AMEC independent qualified persons as defined by NI 43-101 under the direction of Steve Blower, P.Geo.

** True thickness of intersections ranges from 95-100% of intersected widths.

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2004 SPRING DIAMOND DRILLING RESULTS: Vault Composites

| HOLE - ID | LOCATION | | FROM | TO | GRADE | WIDTH | VERTICAL |
|-----------|----------|-------|--------|--------|----------|-------|-----------|
| | | | (m) | (m) | Au (g/t) | (m) | DEPTH (m) |
| VLT04-225 | 5100N | 4850W | 56.50 | 69.51 | 3.17 | 13.01 | 60 |
| | | | incl | 58.63 | 62.45 | 4.55 | 3.82 |
| | | | and | 66.21 | 69.51 | 4.80 | 3.30 |
| VLT04-226 | 5100N | 4900W | 44.70 | 51.24 | 2.29 | 6.54 | 45 |
| | | | incl | 47.76 | 48.17 | 9.48 | 0.41 |
| VLT04-227 | 5150N | 4833W | 83.77 | 87.21 | 7.14 | 3.44 | 80 |
| | | | incl | 84.55 | 86.75 | 10.61 | 2.20 |
| VLT04-229 | 5150N | 4730W | 121.37 | 126.82 | 3.51 | 5.45 | 117 |
| | | | incl | 125.32 | 126.07 | 11.61 | 0.75 |
| VLT04-231 | 5150N | 4934W | 42.30 | 53.60 | 5.75 | 11.30 | 45 |
| | | | incl | 42.30 | 44.99 | 6.97 | 2.69 |
| | | | and | 47.90 | 53.60 | 7.66 | 5.70 |
| | | | and | 49.15 | 51.40 | 12.79 | 2.25 |
| VLT04-233 | 5200N | 4852W | 83.30 | 86.65 | 6.41 | 3.35 | 80 |
| | | | incl | 85.00 | 86.65 | 10.38 | 1.65 |
| VLT04-235 | 5200N | 4902W | 69.56 | 72.82 | 1.95 | 3.26 | 67 |
| | | | incl | 69.56 | 70.32 | 5.62 | 0.76 |
| VLT04-237 | 5150N | 4984W | 26.67 | 40.57 | 1.83 | 13.90 | 30 |
| | | | incl | 34.16 | 39.57 | 2.52 | 5.41 |
| VLT04-239 | 5100N | 5000W | 17.00 | 21.15 | 1.26 | 4.15 | 18 |
| VLT04-242 | 5200N | 4802W | 97.70 | 103.71 | 6.02 | 6.01 | 94 |
| | | | incl | 100.88 | 102.74 | 13.25 | 1.86 |
| VLT04-244 | 5250N | 4877W | | | NSV | | |
| VLT04-246 | 5200N | 5002W | | | NSV | | |
| VLT04-247 | 5250N | 4977W | | | NSV | | |
| VLT04-248 | 5200N | 4927W | | | NSV | | |

2004 SPRING DIAMOND DRILLING RESULTS: Phaser Lake Composites

| HOLE - ID | LOCATION | | FROM | TO | GRADE | WIDTH | VERTICAL |
|-----------|----------|-------|-------|-------|----------|-------|-----------|
| | | | (m) | (m) | Au (g/t) | (m) | DEPTH (m) |
| VLT04-213 | 3930N | 4700W | 62.98 | 63.98 | 3.87 | 1.00 | 60 |
| VLT04-214 | 3850N | 4750W | 39.94 | 41.33 | 1.20 | 1.39 | 38 |
| VLT04-215 | 3850N | 4650W | 47.60 | 49.73 | 1.09 | 2.13 | 46 |

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|-----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|-------|----|
| VLT04-216 | 3775N | 4700W | 53.21 | 56.13 | 1.54 | 2.92 | 52 |
| VLT04-217 | 3775N | 4825W | | | NSV | | |
| VLT04-218 | 3700N | 4750W | 26.69 | 36.91 | 1.26 | 10.22 | 40 |
| VLT04-219 | 3700N | 4650W | 83.00 | 84.18 | 2.26 | 1.18 | 77 |
| VLT04-220 | 3625N | 4700W | 59.80 | 60.80 | 1.26 | 1.00 | 56 |
| VLT04-221 | 3625N | 4775W | | | NSV | | |
| VLT04-222 | 3775N | 4600W | 66.20 | 66.96 | 1.22 | 0.76 | 62 |
| VLT04-223 | 3850N | 4550W | 91.82 | 93.32 | 2.45 | 1.50 | 86 |
| VLT04-224 | 3930N | 4600W | 80.23 | 81.96 | 1.60 | 1.73 | 76 |

Intercepts reported at 1 g/t gold cut-off with a maximum inclusion of 2 metres.

Higher grade intersections reported at a 5 g/t gold cut-off.
