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Mr. Ken Ritter
Chair, Board of Directors
Mr. Adrian Measner
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Dear Messrs. Ritter and Measner:

As we discussed last Friday, I would like someone from the Canadian Wheat Board (CWB) to participate in a technical task force to recommend the best way to give wheat and barley producers choice about how to market their products while preserving the option of a strong and viable CWB for Canadian farmers.

The terms of reference for the technical task force include considering the best corporate model for a voluntary CWB, how the voluntary CWB would acquire a capital base, how to deal with export credit receivables and how to fund market development and research activities for wheat and barley. There would be scope to consider any technical aspect of the Canadian grain marketing system that would change with the CWB being a voluntary entity.

As I explained during our meeting, I consider it prudent on the part of the Board of Directors to work to ensure that the options developed for the continuation of a strong and viable CWB in an environment of marketing choice reflect the input and expertise of CWB staff.

I have in mind a group of less than ten individuals completing this work within weeks. It is therefore important that you nominate a participant from the CWB as quickly as possible.

I am looking forward to your response in the coming days.

Sincerely,

Chuck Strahl

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