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## MNP RELEASES DETAILS ON 2004 ELECTION OF DIRECTORS TO THE CANADIAN WHEAT BOARD

**BRANDON, SEPTEMBER 7, 2004** — Chartered accounting and business advisory firm Meyers Norris Penny LLP (MNP) today announced the details pertaining to the nomination of candidates for the 2004 Canadian Wheat Board director elections. Nominations for the position of Director of the CWB will now be accepted, and prairie grain farmers will elect a member from each of CWB Districts 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10 to a four-year-term, expiring December 2008.

"Prairie grain farmers who want a voice and who are interested in the future direction of the Canadian Wheat Board are strongly encouraged to become a candidate," said Peter Eckersley, FCA, a partner with MNP and the Coordinator for the 2004 election. "The nomination period is now open and will remain open until 6:00 p.m. CST, October 25, 2004."

To become a candidate, a person must be: (1) a Canadian citizen; (2) 18 years of age or older as of the nomination filing date; and (3) be named in a CWB permit book as an actual producer or a shareholder in a corporation, a member of a cooperative or a partner in a partnership that is named as an actual producer. A person may become a candidate in an electoral district in which he or she is registered as an actual producer, or in an adjacent electoral district.

For detailed information about the election process, regulations and voting districts, potential candidates are encouraged to visit the election Web site at <u>www.cwbelection.com</u>, or to call the election information line at 1-800-446-0890. Questions may also be e-mailed to <u>questions@cwbelection.com</u>.

A comprehensive candidate information package will be sent to all potential nominees.

"We will be running a series of print and radio advertisements in the voting districts throughout the election period to remind candidates and voters about eligibility, the important dates, and to encourage participation and voter turnout," said Eckersley. The key dates to be noted are as follows:

September 7, 2004 September 10, 2004

- Election period begins and nominations open.
- Preliminary voters list available to all registered candidates and available for review in all MNP offices.
- Voter eligibility confirmations mailed to all actual producers in Districts 2, 4, 6, 8, and 10. (Voting districts).

October 12, 2004

• Deadline for changes to final voters list.

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October 25, 2004

November 1, 2004 November 19, 2004 December 3, 2004

**December 3, 2004** 

December 12, 2004

December 31, 2004

December 11 - 12, 2004

Nominations close at 6:00 p.m. CST. Voters' packages mailed to all eligible voters.

- Deadline for Statutory Declarations at 5:00 p.m. CST.
  - · Post-marked deadline for completed ballots to be returned to the Election Coordinator is 12:00 midnight.
  - End of election period
  - Tabulation of the ballots.
  - Announce election results.
  - Elected Directors take office

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