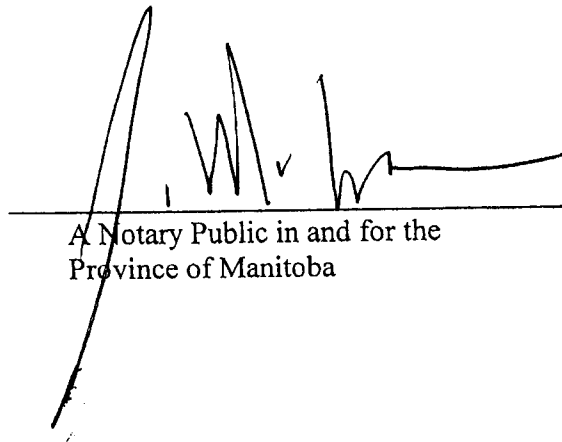


**THIS IS EXHIBIT "31"
REFERRED TO IN THE
AFFIDAVIT OF WARD P. WEISENSEL
SWORN BEFORE ME
THIS 19th DAY OF JUNE, 2007**



A Notary Public in and for the
Province of Manitoba

January 3, 2007

CONFIDENTIAL

The Honourable Chuck Strahl, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food and
Minister for the Canadian Wheat Board
Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada
Sir John Carling Building
930 Carling Avenue
Ottawa, ON K1A 0C5

Dear Minister Strahl:

Re: Compensation for Interim CWB President

Further to my letter of January 3, 2007 requesting a meeting on January 22, 2007 to discuss the search process for a permanent CWB President, I wish to advise that last week the board of directors failed to agree to a resolution to remunerate Mr. Greg Arason in accordance with the terms under which he accepted the appointment as interim President.

The board would like to discuss this issue with you on January 22, 2007 should you be available to meet at that time. An alternate meeting date could be considered if this date is not suitable for you.

I look forward to your early response.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

Ken Ritter
Chair, Board of Directors
KR/dlh
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POC1715

c: Mr. Laurie Throness, Chief of Staff

January 3, 2007

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Dear Minister Strahl:

Re: Search Process for CWB President

Pursuant to our meeting in Winnipeg on December 19, 2006, I wish to follow up on your suggestion that you would be willing to meet with the board to determine an appropriate search process for recruiting a permanent CWB President.

As background to this issue, I would like to briefly describe the process used to identify and select a candidate when recruitment was last required in 2002. At that time, the CWB, with the agreement of government, established an ad hoc committee of the board to lead the recruitment and selection process. This committee was comprised of the Board Chair, the Chairs of the Standing Committees, the Governance and Management Resources Committee and a representative named by the federal government. The government representative was responsible for keeping the Minister apprised of the search progress and for liaison with the Prime Minister's Office and the Privy Council Office.

The board committee retained a professional executive search firm to assist in the identification, evaluation and selection of potential candidates. A short list of candidates to be interviewed by the committee was produced from an initial long list identified by the search firm. The board then interviewed the two finalists selected by the committee and ultimately recommended its preferred candidate to the Minister for Governor in Council approval. The board also established the compensation package and advised the government accordingly. The search process took approximately seven months to complete, plus an additional two months for Order in Council approval.

The CWB would prefer that a similar process again be used in 2007.

Given the length of time that a professional search requires, we look forward to an early meeting with you. Our board is tentatively scheduled to meet on Monday, January 22, 2007 in Winnipeg. We invite you to meet with us at that time to discuss this issue and any others of significance.

The Honourable Chuck Strahl, P.C., M.P.
Re: Search Process for CWB President

January 3, 2007
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Please feel free to call me if there is any aspect of this matter that you wish to discuss in advance of a meeting with the board. I can be reached at (306) 463-5943 or (306) 463-9287 (cell).

Sincerely,

Original signed by

Ken Ritter
Chair, Board of Directors
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c: Mr. Laurie Throness, Chief of Staff

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Mr. Ken Ritter
Chair, Board of Directors
The Canadian Wheat Board
423 Main Street
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Dear Mr. Ritter:

Thank you for your letters seeking a meeting to discuss the selection process for a new president for the Canadian Wheat Board (CWB) and the failure to date of the Board of Directors to authorize the payment of the salary of the interim President.


As directors of the CWB, you have a duty to comply with the *Canadian Wheat Board Act*. Within this Act, paying the President is a statutory responsibility of the Board. I therefore call upon you, both individually and collectively as a board, to fulfill this obligation.

I would like to meet and begin the process of working together to identify a mutually agreeable nominee for the position of president. However, it will be difficult for me to do so as long as the Board is not paying Mr Arason's remuneration in accordance with its responsibility under the Act.

I am sure that you are as eager as I am to find a new, mutually acceptable president. I am anxious to move forward expeditiously with a search process for a candidate whom I can recommend for appointment. However, I would have concerns about undertaking a co-operative process with a board that did not feel an obligation to carry out its duties in the interests of the CWB. I trust and expect that the issue of Mr. Arason's compensation will be addressed before I meet with the Board to discuss the way forward.

Again, thank you for writing on this matter.

Sincerely,


Chuck Strahl

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January 23, 2007

CONFIDENTIAL

The Honourable Chuck Strahl, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food and
Minister for the Canadian Wheat Board
Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada
Sir John Carling Building
930 Carling Avenue
Ottawa, ON K1A 0C5

Dear Minister Strahl:

Re: Compensation for CWB President

This morning in our meeting with you and your staff, the issue of Mr. Arason's compensation was raised. The delay in Mr. Arason receiving compensation has resulted from the time required by the board to give careful consideration to the issues regarding its authority to set the interim President's compensation. In a spirit of goodwill and after lengthy discussion, the board passed the attached resolution.

In order for Mr Arason to be paid as soon as possible, the board respectfully requests that you clearly acknowledge that it is the board's authority to set the compensation for any interim president.

It was further resolved that the Minister agree to extend the term of the present interim president beyond 90 days only upon recommendation by the board.

We also wish to advise the Minister that the board has agreed to engage our external counsel, Aikins MacAulay & Thorvaldson, to develop an employment contract between Mr. Arason and the CWB.

As you can appreciate, a lot of effort went into breaking what appeared to be an impasse and I would appreciate your cooperation and a timely response so that we may put this issue behind us.

I appreciate your cooperation in this matter and thank you in advance. Please note that Mr. Arason is fully aware of the foregoing and has agreed to this process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ken Ritter".

Ken Ritter
Chair, Board of Directors
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c: Mr. Laurie Throness, Chief of Staff

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Board Resolution

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The board agree to remunerate Mr. Greg Arason during the period of his appointment as interim President of the CWB, including any retroactive amounts, on the following basis, on the condition that the Minister acknowledges that it is the board's authority to negotiate and set the compensation for the interim President:

1. Salary of \$30,000 per month;
2. Benefits (including car allowance, life insurance and health benefits) in the amount of \$1,666 per month; and
3. Payment of \$30,000 upon completion of the term. In the event the term is extended by up to an additional 90 days, the payment of \$30,000 will be made upon completion of the extended term, unless the term extends beyond 180 days, in which case, the amount of the payment will be negotiated;

AND FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

The Minister agree to extend the term of the present interim President beyond 90 days only upon recommendation by the board;

AND FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

The board engage Aikins MacAulay & Thorvaldson to develop an employment contract between the CWB and the interim President."

The resolution was carried.



The Canadian Wheat Board
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January 31, 2007

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Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food and
Minister for the Canadian Wheat Board
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Sir John Carling Building
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Dear Minister Strahl:

Re: Direction Order of January 26, 2007

The CWB board of directors met today to consider the Order in Council dated January 26, 2007 directing the CWB to ensure that the interim President is remunerated in accordance with the terms of his appointment letter and that the interim President is able to carry out his responsibilities under the CWB Act.

The board has agreed to implement the direction order for the period of the Ministerial appointment. Accordingly, Mr. Arason will be remunerated as per the terms of his letter of appointment. I must note, however, that the board agreed to the implementation under protest, due to concern with the validity of the direction order and the Governor in Council's authority to issue such a direction under Section 18 of the Act.

As a result of this concern, the board also agreed to commence legal proceedings for judicial review of the January 26, 2007 direction order for the purpose of clarifying the respective authorities of the CWB and the Minister with regard to establishing the remuneration of the interim President.

Sincerely,

Ken Ritter
Chair, Board of Directors
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