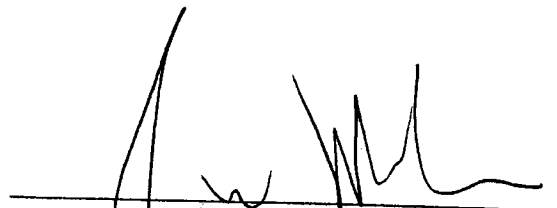


**THIS IS EXHIBIT "52"  
REFERRED TO IN THE  
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THIS 19<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JUNE, 2007 .**



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A Notary Public in and for the  
Province of Manitoba



The Canadian Wheat Board  
La Commission canadienne du blé

June 7, 2007

The Honourable Chuck Strahl, P.C., M.P.  
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Minister for the Canadian Wheat Board  
Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada  
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Dear Minister Strahl:

The Board of Directors of the CWB has deliberated at some length over the question of whether to bring an application seeking clarification as to the validity of the proposed barley regulations. Such an application is not something that the CWB is anxious to undertake. Far from it; we would much prefer to work cooperatively with you and the government in the interests of producers.

We feel it is incumbent on all of us to make one last effort to avoid the situation where the CWB again determines that it is obliged to seek the intervention of the courts in respect of the government's actions. Toward that end, I have instructed our lawyers to send to Ms. Heather Smith, General Counsel of Agriculture & Agri-food Canada, a copy of the draft materials which, if necessary, will be filed with the Federal Court seeking clarification of the validity of the barley regulations. Those materials will be sent over to her by June 13, 2007.

It is our wish to hold discussions with you and your staff about the relevant merits of each side's position on such an application and in particular to exchange views with respect to the legal arguments relied on by the CWB and the Government of Canada, respectively. Obviously, if such discussions are to be meaningful they will have to occur *before* any proposed regulation is signed into law.

The CWB does not wish to become embroiled in another legal proceeding with your government. We urge you to join with us and try to resolve matters in the interests of our mutual constituents, the farmers of western Canada.

I hope that you will find yourself able to agree with the foregoing and that we can arrange for discussions to begin in the very near future.

Yours truly,

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