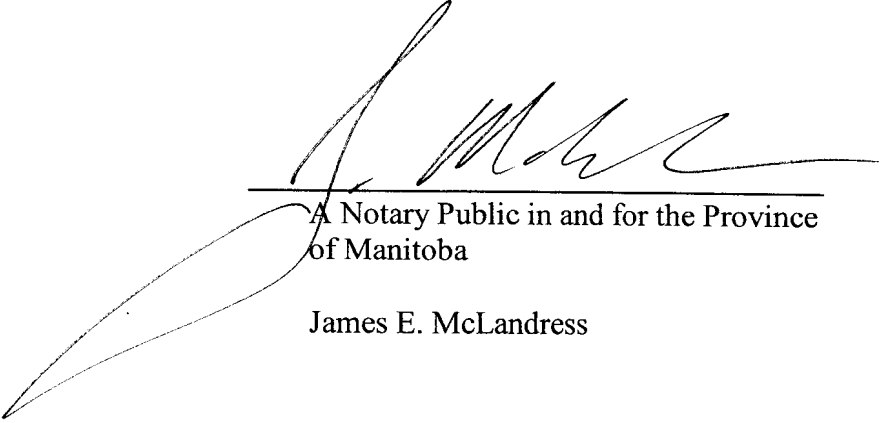


**THIS IS EXHIBIT "18"  
REFERRED TO IN THE  
AFFIDAVIT OF KENNETH R. RITTER  
AFFIRMED BEFORE ME  
THIS 7<sup>th</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2007**



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A Notary Public in and for the Province  
of Manitoba

James E. McLandress

Minister  
of Agriculture and  
Agri-Food  
and Minister for the  
Canadian Wheat Board



Ministre  
de l'Agriculture et de  
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Ottawa, Canada K1A 0C5

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Mr. Greg Arason  
178 Southbridge Drive  
Winnipeg, Manitoba R2J 4A6

Dear Mr. Arason:

Pursuant to Paragraph 3.11 (2) of the *Canadian Wheat Board Act*, I hereby appoint you as interim president of the Canadian Wheat Board (CWB). This appointment is effective as of the date of this letter and is at pleasure for a period not to exceed 90 days.

As interim president, your duties will be to act as chief executive officer of the Corporation and to be responsible for the direction and management of business and day-to-day operations thereof as set out in Paragraph 3.11 (1) of the *Canadian Wheat Board Act*.

In carrying out these duties, you should focus on marketing grain on behalf of western Canadian farmers. In so doing, you should refrain from taking a public position for or against any proposal for changes in the statutory powers of the Corporation.

You will be subject to the Conflict of Interest and Post-Employment Code for Public Office Holders, a copy of which is enclosed.

You will be required to possess a Secret security clearance. Our records indicate you meet this requirement.

You will be remunerated at the rate of \$31 666/month during the period of your appointment and will receive a payment of \$30 000 upon completion of your term. Should the Governor in Council appoint you to a term of 90 days or less in addition to the 90 days covered by this letter, the payment on completion would be paid at the end of such an extended term. Should your appointment be extended to a term longer than a total of 180 days, the payment on completion would be negotiated.

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Under the *Canadian Wheat Board Act*, the CWB is responsible for payment of your remuneration.

You will be considered a public office holder under the *Income Tax Act*, so statutory deductions will be applied to the above amounts.

The federal government has a policy to prevent an individual from receiving both a federal government pension and a full-time salary from a public office. As you are currently receiving a pension, you have indicated your intention to donate your pension to a charity of your choice for the duration of this appointment, and you have agreed to make this arrangement public.

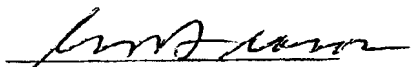
Best wishes in this new role. Thank you for accepting this challenge.

Sincerely,



Chuck Strahl

I accept this appointment on the conditions outlined above.

  
Greg Arason

Dec. 19, 2006  
Date

Enclosure