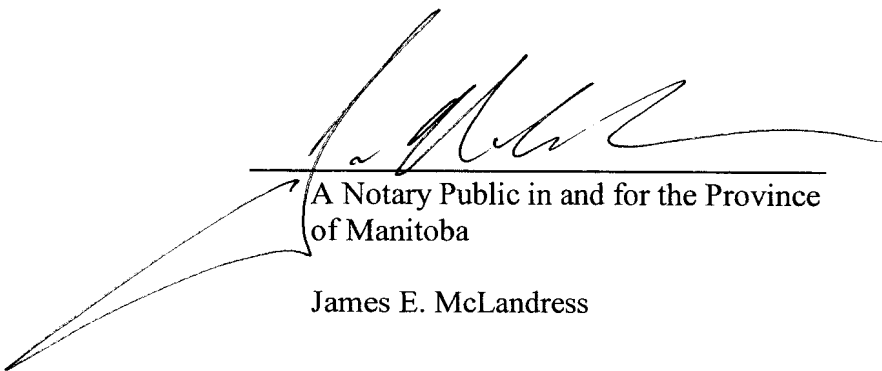


**THIS IS EXHIBIT "23"  
REFERRED TO IN THE  
AFFIDAVIT OF KENNETH R. RITTER  
AFFIRMED BEFORE ME  
THIS 7<sup>th</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2007**



A Notary Public in and for the Province  
of Manitoba

James E. McLandress



The Canadian Wheat Board  
La Commission canadienne du blé

January 31, 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: 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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POC 1731

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