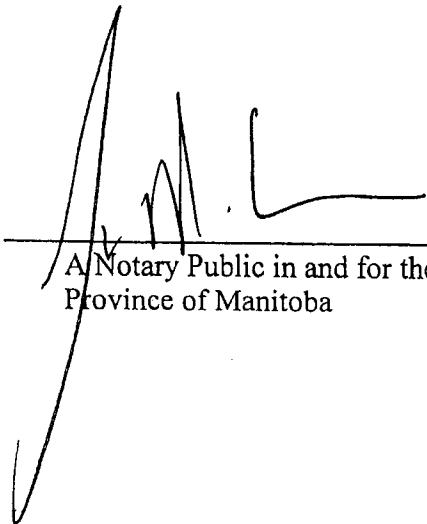


**THIS IS EXHIBIT "16"
REFERRED TO IN THE
AFFIDAVIT OF WARD P. WEISENSEL
SWORN BEFORE ME
THIS 19th DAY OF JUNE, 2007**



A Notary Public in and for the
Province of Manitoba

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



Cabinet du ministre
de l'Agriculture et de
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et ministre de la
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Ottawa, Canada K1A 0C5

April 11, 2006

Mr. Adrian Measner
President and CEO
The Canadian Wheat Board
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Dear Mr. Measner:

The new Conservative government has been clear in its intent to allow for voluntary participation in the Canadian Wheat Board. Once implemented, this policy will allow farmers the freedom to make their own marketing and transportation decisions. As the Minister responsible for the Board's conduct, I would appreciate the co-operation of the Board's management and directors in complying with this new direction, the policy of the Government of Canada.

I would note that all communication and promotional material issued on behalf of the Board should clearly reflect Government policy. In addition, it is inappropriate for an agency of the Government to spend producers' money on activities that could be regarded as partisan in nature. The recent advertising campaign encouraging producers to write the Minister could be regarded as a political activity.

I look forward to working with you and the Board on a transition plan to ensure a strong marketing option for farmers who choose to make use of the Canadian Wheat Board.

Sincerely,

Chuck Strahl

Canada



The Canadian Wheat Board
La Commission canadienne du blé



April 24, 2006

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

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Dear Minister,

May we say at the outset that the Canadian Wheat Board, created as it is by a statute of Canada to serve the interests of Western Canadian farmers, will at all times co-operate with the government of Canada within the powers granted to it by its enabling legislation.

Contrary to the assertion contained in your letter of April 11, 2006, the CWB is not an agency of the Government. Its enabling statute expressly provides in section 4(2) that it is not an agent of Her Majesty and that it is not a Crown corporation. Rather, the CWB is a body corporate, which acts through its board of directors. The *Canadian Wheat Board Act* also makes it clear that all directors have the same duties and obligations regardless of how they have come to be on the board, be it by election or by federal appointment.

The CWB can only act in accordance with the *Act* and the regulations passed thereunder by the Governor in Council. The CWB is not able to implement the policy of any particular political party – Conservative, Liberal or otherwise. Specifically, it is not able to implement what you describe as the Conservative government's expressed intent to allow for voluntary participation in the Canadian Wheat Board. If this is indeed the new policy, then for the CWB to act on it, that policy would have to be implemented by legislative change, the process for which is also addressed in the *Act*.

With respect to the CWB's activities related to the ongoing WTO negotiations to which you make reference, let us assure you that those activities have solely been directed toward representing the interests of Western Canadian farmers on an issue that is of great significance to them and to their businesses. Indeed it is one of several issues upon which farmers have been pressing the CWB to speak out on their behalf. We should also stress that the CWB initiated these activities well before the Conservative government came to power – there neither was then, nor is now, any politically partisan intent behind them.

The directors and management of the CWB are looking forward to working with you and your staff to ensure that farmers continue to benefit from the additional value that the CWB brings to them.

Yours very truly,

Adrian C. Measner
President and Chief Executive Officer

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