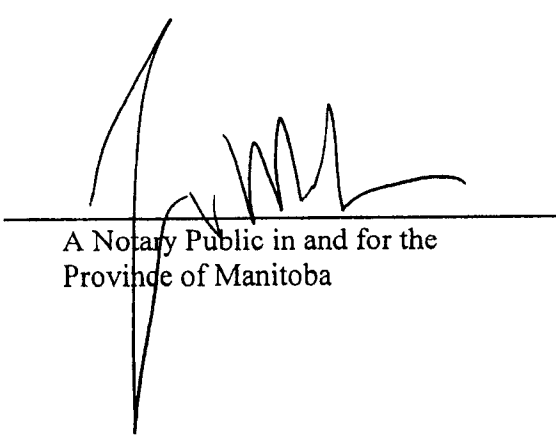


**THIS IS EXHIBIT "48"
REFERRED TO IN THE
AFFIDAVIT OF WARD P. WEISENSEL
SWORN BEFORE ME
THIS 19th DAY OF JUNE, 2007**



A Notary Public in and for the
Province of Manitoba

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



Ministre
de l'Agriculture et de
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Mr. Ken Ritter
Chair, Board of Directors
The Canadian Wheat Board
423 Main Street
PO Box 816, Station Main
Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 2P5

Dear Mr. Ritter:

As the proposed amendments to the *Canadian Wheat Board Regulations*, which are expected to be effective August 1, 2007, will continue to extend Part 3 of the *Canadian Wheat Board Act* to barley, the Canadian Wheat Board (CWB) will have a statutory obligation to market barley. I would like to reiterate my expectation that the CWB will continue to do so for those farmers who wish to market their barley through the CWB.

As considerable advance time is required for consideration and approval of initial payments, it is therefore time to begin focusing on initial payment levels for the upcoming 2007–08 crop year. In order to allow sufficient time for officials to complete the necessary analysis and procedures prior to consideration by my Cabinet colleagues on the Treasury Board, I would ask that you provide me with the CWB's recommendations for 2007–08 initial payments by June 4, 2007.

I am looking forward to the CWB's recommendations for initial payments for each of the four pool accounts—wheat, durum, barley, and designated barley. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chuck Strahl', written over a white background.

Chuck Strahl

c.c.: Mr. Greg Arason

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