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August 13, 2018

Manitoba Municipal Relations Livestock Review Co-ordination Unit 604-800 Portage Avenue Winnipeg, MB R3G 0N4

Canmark Family Farming Ltd Box 1198 Roblin, MB R0L 1P0

Dear Sir:

Re:

Canmark Family Farming Ltd Livestock Application

File TRC-12-047

Please accept this letter from Canmark Family Farming Ltd. in response to the public Technical Review Committee (TRC) review phase for our proposed expansion and modernization project. Our proposed \$14.0 million Canmark Sow and Gilt barn project will inject new investment into the Roblin area and create 12 new full time jobs.

Our expansion project is proposed on SE 14-25-26W in the Roblin Municipality with attached additions to our existing (450 AU) 1,800 space Sow farrow to wean barn. The proposed 1,163 A.U. expansion will include a 3,700 space Sow farrow to isowean, a 700 space gilt nursery and a 1,500 space gilt finisher capacity. The current and proposed development site is bordered by a treed, multi-row shelterbelt.

We have kept the Roblin Municipality informed over the past 2 years regarding our intention to expand our livestock operation while planning for this project. We have also conducted extensive community consultation by visiting door-to-door with area neighbours within 3 kilometers of our proposed development site earlier this spring 2018 as well as a public open house on May 2, 2018. These steps were not required, but we felt that this was important to fully inform the community about our proposed development.

From our visits and feedback received, we are pleased to see that the overall community has responded in favour and positively to our proposed Canmark project.

The Manitoba Livestock review and approval application process is regarded as the most extensive and rigorous in North America. It involves many technical aspects including detailed land use, agricultural, soil and water investigations and environmental reviews with information obtained from professional experts and in-government sources.

This conditional use application is only a part of the livestock regulatory process and on-going government oversight. Further detailed provincial permit applications still need to be submitted and approved. We are confident that when the full development review and approval process is completed that any final decisions made will protect the overall public interest, economy and natural environment.

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My family and employees live in this community. Roblin is our home. Protecting our water and air is important to us, as well our friends and fellow neighbours. Rest assured, we will continue to follow all the environmental regulations including annual water quality and supply monitoring, soil sampling, manure management planning and overall sustainable farming practices to maintain a safe, high quality of life in our community.

Yours truly,

Henrik Thomsen