# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

# **BETWEEN**

# THE MANITOBA MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

# **AND**

THE JEWISH NATIONAL FUND OF CANADA

#### **BETWEEN:**

# HER MAJESTY'IHE QUEEN, in right of Manitoba

("Manitoba"), as represented by the Premier of Manitoba ("Minister")

#### OF THE FIRST PART

-and

### THE JEWISH NATIONAL FUND OF CANADA

as represented by the Executive Vice-President

Jewish National Fund of Canada

### OF THE SECOND PART

**WHEREAS** Manitoba and the Jewish National Fund of Canada wish, in partnership, to develop initiatives related to researching and sharing information regarding water conservation, irrigation) afforestation and agriculture; and

**WHEREAS** the Jewish National Fund of Canada is a Non-Government Organization (NGO) registered under the Canada Corporation Act; and

WHEREAS Manitoba has expertise in the field of water conservation, irrigation, afforestation and agriculture through the provincial department of Agriculture and the University of Manitoba.

**WHEREAS** Manitoba is committed to the prudent management of Manitoba's water quantity and quality, its forests and agriculture for .the benefit of Manitoba now and in the future.

WHEREAS Manitoba and the Jewish National Fund of Canada wish to fund research relating to innovative design, construction, and/or rehabilitation of water conservation, and/or irrigation facilities, and/or afforestation, and/or agriculture.

**NOW THEREFORE** in accordance with the understanding set out above, the Manitoba Ministry of Agriculture and the Jewish National Fund of Canada signal their intent to conclude an agreement respecting the establishment of an initiative related to developing and sharing information in water conservation, irrigation, afforestation and agriculture.

#### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Memorandum of Understanding is to confirm the commitment of the Province of Manitoba and the Jewish National Fund of Canada to proceed with the development of an Agreement which will allow for the contribution of funds to achieve the mutually desired results as outlined by the following principles.

#### **PRINCIPLES**

The Province of Manitoba and the Jewish National Fund of Canada are committed to working in partnership:

To explore research relating to innovative design, construction, and/or rehabilitation of water conservation and/or irrigation facilities, and/or afforestation; and/or agriculture.

The Province of Manitoba ~d the Jewish National Fund of Canada commit to the following principles, which will govern their actions with respect to the development of a final Agreement for this initiative:

**Principle 1 –** Respect: The Province of Manitoba and the Jewish National Fund of Canada will respect each others roles in the development of an appropriate agreement to proceed with this initiative.

**Principle 2 - Focus on innovation:** In exploring research relating to the design, construction, and/or rehabilitation of water conservation and / or irrigation facilities and / or afforestation and / or agriculture, the Province of Manitoba and the Jewish National Fund of Canada will seek innovative opportunities.

**Principle 3** – Transparency and Accountability: The Province of Manitoba and the Jewish National Fund of Canada will ensure transparent and fully accountable decision-making regarding the expenditure of the funding established for this initiative.

#### **OBJECTIVES**

The Province of Manitoba and the Jewish National Fund of Canada (the Parties), will negotiate and attempt to reach agreement on the following:

- Establish a Steering Committee for the initiative, to finalize its scope and detail
  specific objectives. The committee should include representatives of the
  Government of Manitoba, the Jewish National Fund of Canada, and the academic
  institutions throughout Manitoba and other related agencies.
- 2. Establish a mechanism whereby this initiative will receive appropriate funding.
- 3. Spend these funds on research relating to the above noted areas. The expenditure of these funds shall be transparent and fully accountable.

The parties have therefore executed this Memorandum of Understanding, each by its duly authorized representatives(s), on the respective dates shown below.

# **HER MAJES1Y THE QUEEN** in

Right of the Province of Manitoba as Represented by the Premier of Manitoba

#### THE JEWISH NATIONAL FUND of CANADA as

Represented by the Executive Vice-President of the Jewish National Fund of Canada

Original Signed By Premier

Original Signed By Graham Dixon

President

Jewish National Fund

Prairie Region

Date: May 25, 2006 Date: May 251 2006

> Original Signed By Rami Kleinmann

Israel Emissary

Jewish National Fund of Canada

Date: May 25, 2006