In reply to the 6 public comments to the application for expansion of Platinum Pork Inc. I would like to provide some clarification on behalf of Platinum Pork Inc.

Platinum Pork was granted a conditional use order Sept 26, 2001. There was a list of 14 conditions with the conditional use order of which Platinum Pork has conformed to. As in any business you do the best you can and hope to succeed. I think our track record speaks for itself as have many neighboring farms wanting the manure from our facility and see the value of having Platinum Pork in the Municipality of Rhineland. We feel that we have been good neighbors and and respectful of the people around us. Within an approximate 1.5 mile radius we have 2 residences which have never complained to us about odor or insects.

We try and maintain a well kept site and take pride in the pork we produce. All of our employees are local residence with our Manager and assistant Manager being employees of ours for over 15 years in the same facility.

We do our best to mitigate the risk of odor for our neighbors, we have planted 3 rows of trees around the site which needs some replanting as the lilacs on the south and east side have mostly died but we do have 2 good rows of mature trees on those sides. We have purchased our own straw applicator (picture attached) together with other barns in the area to apply straw to the earthen storage in a timely fashion. The larger cell of the earthen storage is difficult to keep straw on as it is a large area and the straw wants to break up. Most of the smell would come off of the small manure storage as the second storage is mostly water.

Another project we have completed many years ago is 2 drain tile pipes have been installed around the west, north and east side of our water ponds to catch any leaching water from those units to protect the farmland around it which was not part of our original conditional use. I believe this system is working as the nearest land to the east of our water ponds is 700 feet with a very good looking crop on it.

In closing, I would like to Thank the TRC for reviewing my response and appreciate the value this process brings to the pork industry in Manitoba.

Yours truly,

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