

**Project No.:** SO906C

**Project Title:** Replacement Plot Harvester for Minnipa Agricultural Centre.

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### **Executive Summary**

Due to the age and poor reliability of Minnipa Agricultural Centre's (MAC) older 1984 Wintersteiger plot harvester, the priority for a replacement was the highest for 5 years. A list of operational specifications was prepared and sent to the small plot harvester suppliers Kingaroy, Wintersteiger and Haldrup for quotes. An evaluation of the quotes and a field trip to view similar machines and compare them with our specifications revealed that the Haldrup was best suited to MAC. The purchase price was \$235,000.

Funds were sought and received from the following funding bodies and programs:

- \$100k from state capital budget
- \$35k from SAGIT - Debit 100995VF1
- \$55k from Minnipa contract trials
- \$25k from NVT program
- \$10k from RIBG FS project (2006 calendar year)
- \$10k from Crops carried over Minnipa in 2005/06

Minnipa Agricultural Centre was granted permission from the Accredited Purchasing Unit (APU) to purchase a Haldrup Harvester on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2006. All money was spent before the end of the financial year. The Haldrup harvester arrived at MAC on 6 July 2006.