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April 20, 2006

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**Re: Solicitation Number RFP DND-05/0252
CNW Group Ltd. (File No. PR-2006-002)**

The Canadian International Trade Tribunal (the Tribunal) (Presiding Member: Serge Fréchette) has reviewed the complaint submitted on April 10, 2006, on behalf of CNW Group Ltd. (CNW), and has decided not to conduct an inquiry into this complaint.

Subsection 7(1) of the Canadian International Trade Tribunal Procurement Inquiry Regulations (the Regulations) sets out three conditions that must be satisfied before the Tribunal may conduct an inquiry in respect of a complaint. One of these conditions is that the complaint must be made in respect of a designated contract.

To be considered as a designated contract, a contract for the supply of goods and services must be equal to or greater than the minimum monetary thresholds prescribed by the Trade Agreements. The minimum monetary thresholds for services are \$100,000 under the Agreement on Internal Trade, \$245,000 under the Agreement on Government Procurement, and \$84,000 under the North American Free Trade Agreement.

According to the complaint, the estimated value of the requirement is \$36,000. Even considering the two options to renew the contract for a period of one year each, the Tribunal finds that estimated value is below all three thresholds. Therefore, the contract is not a designated contract as defined by subsection 7(1) of the Regulations.

In light of the foregoing, the Tribunal does not have the jurisdiction to accept the complaint for inquiry and considers the matter closed.

Yours sincerely,

Hélène Nadeau
Secretary