

BACKGROUNDER

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Ministry of Economic Development

TILMA IMPLEMENTATION

British Columbia Dispute Resolution Panellists appointed as of March 28, 2007:

Steven D. Cope (Fort St. John)

Mr. Cope is a lawyer with Earmme & Associates, Associate Counsel. He is primarily involved in corporate, commercial, real and personal property law with a focus on commercial litigation. Mr. Cope holds a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) from McMaster University and his Bachelor of Law from the University of Victoria.

Carl Kuhnke (Vancouver)

Carl Kuhnke is the Regional Director of Business Development for the Vancouver Coastal Health Authority. Mr. Kuhnke has his Bachelor of Science and MBA from the University of Alberta.

<u>R. Lorne Seitz</u> (Courtney)

Mr. Seitz is a consultant providing services related to organizational development and management, public-private partnerships, land issues and land policy. He is currently a Director of the Stothert Power Corporation.

Jeffrey Thomas (North Vancouver)

Jeffrey Thomas is Partner with Borden Ladner Gervais, LLP. Mr. Thomas is a roster member of the Roster Dispute Settlement Panellists under the AIT and an ad hoc roster member of the Dispute Settlement Panellists under NAFTA Chapter Nineteen. Mr. Thomas has his Bachelor of Laws from York University and his Master of Laws from the University of Toronto.

Andrew Wilkinson (Vancouver)

Andrew Wilkinson, a physician as well as a practicing lawyer with McCarthy Tetrault. Prior to this, Dr. Wilkinson was Deputy Minister of the British Columbia Ministry of Economic Development.

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