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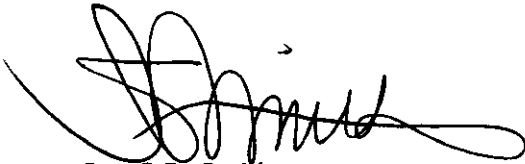
To: All Lawyers, Notaries, Surveyors and other Land Title Customers

Re: Post Searches prior to Advancing Funds on Documents filed by the Electronic Filing System (EFS) or Manually at the Land Title Office

The question has arisen of how much time should pass after a document has been marked up with pending numbers by the EFS before doing a post search prior to pay out of funds. This is an issue which existed, prior to the implementation of EFS, in any Land Title Office which had more than one cashier such as Victoria Land Title Office or the New Westminster Land Title Office with its 7 cashiers.

As there may be other documents that may not be marked up which are prior in time to a document received and marked up by EFS or received and marked up manually, land title customers should allow at least one hour to pass after the time of receipt by our offices before doing their post searches prior to advancing funds.

For EFS customers submitting documents electronically, if you submit documents before 8:30 a.m. or after 5:00 p.m. no waiting period is required as the office is not open for submitting paper documents.



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Director and Registrar