

## **CIRCULAR LETTER NO. 431**

July 21, 2006

### **TO ALL BRITISH COLUMBIA LAND SURVEYORS**

#### **Re: Digital Survey Plans**

On July 20, 2006, sections 20 to 46 of the *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No. 2)*, 2006 were brought into force by Order in Council No. 550. Sections 20 to 46 of this statute include legislative amendments to permit legal survey plans to be submitted electronically through the Electronic Filing System (EFS) of the Land Title and Survey Authority of British Columbia. These legislative amendments may be viewed at the following link:

[http://www.legis.gov.bc.ca/38th2nd/3rd\\_read/gov30-3.htm](http://www.legis.gov.bc.ca/38th2nd/3rd_read/gov30-3.htm)

Effective July 24, 2006 digital survey plans prepared pursuant to the *Land Act*, *Coal Act*, *Mineral Tenure Act* and the *Petroleum and Natural Gas Act* may be submitted to the Crown Land Registry through EFS via BC Online. At this time, plans prepared for Land Title registration may not be submitted electronically.

In order to prepare and submit a digital survey plan you will need the following:

1. To be a practicing land surveyor as defined in the *Land Surveyors Act*.
2. An active BC Online account.
3. A valid digital signature. To obtain your digital certificate, an application form must be submitted to Juricert Services Inc. Once your application has been verified and approved, Juricert will send you a link by e-mail that will enable you to download your digital certificate. You may obtain your application by contacting Juricert at <http://www.juricert.ca/>.
4. Suitable software to convert your CAD survey plan to a PDF format and complete the Crown Land Submission form.
5. A copy of the "Interim requirements for submission of electronic plans" attached to this letter.

We continue to develop this new technology and the electronic forms required to permit digital survey plans to be submitted for Land Title registration. At this time, we expect to be in a production pilot for Land Title plans in early 2007.

We encourage all land surveyors to embrace this new technology and be leaders in the electronic submission of applications through the Electronic Filing System of the Land Title and Survey Authority of British Columbia.

Yours sincerely,

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Attachment: Interim requirements for submission of electronic plans

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