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CIRCULAR LETTER TO ALL BRITISH COLUMBIA LAND SURVEYORS

Re: Computer Driven Plotters

Over the past three or four years, this office has received numerous requests to authorize the preparation of legal survey plans with a variety of plotters which do not use traditional ink pens. For example, we have tested numerous electrostatically produced plans and have found few to be acceptable.

Plans produced on two plotters have been found satisfactory. We have, to date, approved the use of the following:

Hewlett-Packard Design Jet 600
Roland Thermal Plotter - Model LTX 2441

Our testing has shown that there is a wide range in the clarity and durability among plans produced by different plotters even when they use similar technology. We would therefore encourage you to exercise caution when considering the purchase of a plotter for legal survey purposes. This office is prepared to carry out testing on plans produced by other plotters if requested to do so.

Yours sincerely,

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Surveyor General
and Director