SUPREME COURT OF NOVA SCOTIA

Citation: Columbia North Realty Company, Re, 2005 NSSC 212

Date: 20050714 Docket: S.H. 250793 Registry: Halifax

IN THE MATTER OF: The Companies Act of Nova Scotia, being Chapter 81

of the Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1989 and

amendments thereto

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IN THE MATTER OF: The application of Columbia North Realty Company

for an Order of rectification pursuant to subsection 44(2) of the *Companies Act* and the inherent equitable

jurisdiction of this Honourable Court

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Judge: The Honourable Justice C. Richard Coughlan

Heard: July 14, 2005 (in Chambers), at Halifax, Nova Scotia

Decision: July 14, 2005 (Orally)

Written Release: July 28, 2005

Subject: Company Law - Application for Rectification of Articles of

Association, Share Register and other actions of the Company affecting prior year's Income Tax - Notice

Required

Practice - Applications and Motions - Application for

Rectification of Articles of Association, Share Register and other actions of the Company affecting prior year's Income

Tax - Notice required

Summary: A company applied to rectify its Articles of Association,

Share Register and other actions of the Company

retroactively, which would reduce the income tax payable by

the company in prior years.

Issue: Should notice be given to Canada Revenue Agency or

Minister of National Revenue?

Result: An order of a superior court retroactively rectifying actions of

a company binds all, including the Minister of National Revenue, unless the order is appealed. Where an order is sought which would affect the income tax payable in prior years, notice should be given to the Minister of National Revenue or Canada Revenue Agency of the application so that the Agency or the Minister may make submissions to

the court.

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