

DISSOLUTION OF CORPORATIONS

Legal Registries annually reviews the records of all corporations to determine which of them have failed to file their annual return for at least two years. The *Business Corporations Act* requires that each corporation must file an annual return containing a summary of certain information about the corporation. The Act further provides that those corporations that fail to do so may be dissolved. Efforts are made to determine if the corporation wishes to remain in operation before steps are taken to strike them from the Registry.

In the case of territorial corporations, we:

- 1) Send a reminder notice to each delinquent corporation alerting them to their deficiencies.
- 2) Send a letter to each director as well as the registered office, informing the corporation of our intention to dissolve the corporation if it does not file its annual returns within 60 days.
- 3) If the corporation fails to respond to the notices and our other attempts to contact them, notice of our intention to dissolve the corporation is published in the *Northwest Territories Gazette*. Publication is essentially the final warning to defaulting corporations before they are dissolved.

Corporations can avoid dissolution by filing their annual returns in proper form, together with fees of \$80 per annual return. At the present time, we have completed step 2 in respect of almost 100 territorial corporations. These corporations must respond by August 7, 2004 or we will proceed to the final step.

After completion of the above dissolutions, we plan to pursue those extra-territorial corporations that have not filed their annual returns as required.