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+ Judge Finds For Prospectors On Important B.C. Tungsten Property.

In a decision handed down April 11, 1979, Justice Fawcus awarded the property and costs to two B.C. geologists and prospectors. The case concerned the Gotcha tungsten property located near Clearwater, 70 miles north of Kamloops, B.C. Trenching and diamond drill testing on the property has established reserves estimated at 10,000 tons of 2% WO₃, containing approximately 19,000 short ton units of WO₃, valued at between \$2,500,000 and \$3,000,000. The zones of mineralization are open to extension in several directions.

The prospectors - geologists, Robert Dickinson and Murray McLaren, after acquiring the property and carrying out preliminary exploration work, made an exploration agreement with NCA Minerals Corp. which provided the funds for a limited drilling program. NCA Minerals failed to make a cash payment as required in the agreement and subsequently sought to have the terms of the agreement amended. The prospectors Dickinson and McLaren, operating through their private company, United Mineral Services Ltd., did not accept the proposed amendments and, when the payment was not made, gave notice of termination of the agreement to NCA Minerals. As a result of the termination notice, NCA sued United Mineral Services for the property. It was this action which Justice Fawcus found for United Mineral Services Ltd. and instructed NCA Minerals Corp. to pay costs of the action.

Plans for the next phase of exploration and development of the property are now being made. It is hoped that additional work will be initiated in the current year.
(See GCNL No. 50, page three, March 12, 1979, for some previous case detail)