

Three former PanTerra Directors banned by the British Columbia Securities Commission

The **British Columbia Securities Commission** has issued bans on three former PanTerra Resource Corp. directors who committed fraud and has ordered them to pay fines of \$360,000 for their misconduct.

Earlier this summer, a panel found that Giuliano Angelo Tamburrino, Andrew Gordon Walker and Dale Michael Paulson all perpetrated a fraud on the TSX-Venture Exchange-listed company. The men took more than \$86,000 from PanTerra to buy shares for themselves from a third party and sold other wrongfully-issued shares with the intention of keeping the proceeds for themselves.

The panel also found the group guilty of allowing the company's filing of false and misleading financial statements. The TSX-V also sanctioned the group for their misconduct.

"We have observed that the respondents did not appreciate the seriousness of their misconduct, nor the standard of conduct expected of directors and officers of public venture issuers," the panel said in its sanctions decision. "That is a significant risk to investors and markets."

The penalties aren't enforceable in any other province since Canada's system is fragmented, but the BCSC does share the information with the Canadian Securities Administrators and voluntary reciprocal orders are quite common. The federal government has been pushing for a single body to replace the 13 different provincial and territorial regulators operating in the country today. Both the newly appointed head of the CFA Institute and the OECD have called the current system problematic. But the governments of Alberta and Quebec are against the idea, citing a lack of autonomy in business decisions involving precious resources.

(The Toronto Sun, 14 October 2010)