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[1] This is an appeal from a decision of Mr. Justice Beaubier of the Tax Court of Canada dated March 31, 2006 (2006 TCC 207), which dismissed the appellant's appeal from a determination by the Minister of National Revenue that the appellant had employed the intervenor, Judith Wilson, in insurable employment from January 1, 2002 to November 10, 2002.

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[2] After reviewing the evidence in the light of this Court's decision in Wiebe Door Services Ltd

v. MNR, [1986] 3 FC 553, the Judge concluded that Ms. Wilson was an employee of the appellant

during the period at issue.

[3] Notwithstanding Mr. Stawicki's submissions to the contrary, we have not been persuaded

that there is any basis for us to intervene. In our view, the Judge made no error of law nor did he

make findings of fact or draw inferences from these facts which cannot be supported by the record

before him.

[4] We are also satisfied that neither the conduct of the hearing by the Judge nor his treatment of

the evidence give rise to a breach of either natural justice or procedural fairness. More particularly,

we are of the view that the Trial Judge's impartiality was not affected by the presence of RCMP

officers in the courtroom nor by their meeting with the Judge during the lunch break on March 17,

2006.

[5] For these reasons, I would dismiss the appeal with costs in favour of the respondent. I would

award no costs to the intervener.

_____"M. Nadon" J.A.

"I agree.

Marc Noël J.A."

"I agree.

J.D. Denis Pelletier J.A."

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