

Business Backgrounding and Due Diligence Resources

This list of resources provides an overview of and some of the main resources used in business background and due diligence research projects.

Public Records Link Collections
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• PublicRecordCenter.com http://www.publicrecordcenter.com/canada_public_records.htm• SearchSystems.net http://publicrecords.searchsystems.net/• Investigative Dashboard https://www.investigativedashboard.org/
Company Incorporation
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Federal incorporation https://www.ic.gc.ca/app/scr/cc/CorporationsCanada/fdrlCrpSrch.html• Provincial incorporation http://strategis.ic.gc.ca/epic/internet/incd-dgc.nsf/en/CSO1134e.html• Premium databases like OnCorp and Cyberbahn• International registrars https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_company_registers http://web.freepint.com/go/blog/68980
Company Organization and History
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Premium databases such as FPInfomart FP Advisor, Hoovers, Factiva, LexisNexis, Capital IQ, OnCorp, etc.
Directors and Officers
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Public companies: Canada StockWatch's Participant Search, full-text filings databases• Private companies: FPInfomart Person Search, LexisNexis
Shareholders and Share Data
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Public companies: Premium databases for >10% and institutional investors• Insiders: SEDI https://www.sedi.ca/sedi/SVTSelectSediInsider• Share data: Yahoo Finance, Google Finance, premium databases
Business Credit Reports
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Equifax, TransUnion, Experian, etc.

Filings and Financials

- Public companies: Premium databases like DisclosureNet, LexisNexis, Capital IQ, etc.; SEDAR http://www.sedar.com/homepage_en.htm
- Private companies: Government registrars for good standing; Dun & Bradstreet for possible *estimated* financials

Properties and Assets

- Land titles through municipal registry offices or provincial databases
- Other hard assets through lien searches (provincial government registries or premium databases like OnCorp and Cyberbahn); registrations of vehicles with government bodies
- Intellectual property <https://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/cipointernet-internetopic.nsf/eng/home>
<http://www.fleckchumak.com/resources.html>

Legal History

- Judgements and rulings: CanLII, commercial databases such as Quicklaw, Westlaw
- Court documents through on-site court searches for most; see <http://www.legalresearchandwriting.ca/caselaw.htm#2>
- Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy Canada <https://www.ic.gc.ca/app/scr/bsf-osb/ins/login.html?lang=eng>
- U.S.: PACER (federal), LexisNexis Courtlink (state and county), BRB Publications <https://www.brbpublications.com/freeresources/Pubrecsites.aspx>
- Compliance with laws and regulations, good standing with professional bodies

Media and Social Networks

- Web searches on multiple search engines
- Premium databases such as FPIInfomart, NewsScan, Nexis, Factiva, etc.
- Foreign media
- Industry publications
- LinkedIn, Facebook, Twitter, Google+, etc., and discussion forums
- List of social networking websites
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_social_networking_websites