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[1] Despite Mr. Fleetwood's able presentation, we are unable to find that the Tax Court Judge committed a palpable and overriding error in failing to reduce the appellant's income by the amounts of \$12,500 and \$28,000 for the 2003 and 2004 tax years. In our view, there was evidence, in the form of the invoices submitted by the appellant to Cactus Cowboys, to support the Tax Court

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Judge's conclusion. The evidence to the contrary was Mr. Welch's oral testimony, which the Tax Court Judge found was generally not credible. To the extent that the Tax Court Judge's conclusion rests on inferences *Housen v. Nikolaisen, [2002] 2 SCR 235*, is authority for the proposition that palpable and overriding error is the standard of review for both findings of fact and inferences of fact.

[2] The appeal will therefore be dismissed with costs.

"J.D. Denis Pelletier"
J.A.

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