

310 WASTE LIMITED, 2020700 ONTARIO INC. AND DIRECTOR FINED TOTAL OF \$710,000 FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT VIOLATIONS

RICHMOND HILL—310 Waste Limited and 2020700 Ontario Inc. have been fined a total of \$700,000, after pleading guilty to offences relating to a waste transfer and processing facility in Vaughan. Edmond Hanna, a Director of 2020700 Ontario Inc., was fined \$10,000, after pleading guilty to one offence relating to the facility.

310 Waste Limited and Edmond Hanna operated a waste transfer and processing facility at 10525 Keele Street in the municipality of Vaughan. 2020700 Ontario Inc. owned the property. A condition of the site's Certificate of Approval (C of A) for operation was that daily waste storage could not exceed 1,500 tonnes.

The Court heard that on June 20, 2003, a Ministry of the Environment (MOE) inspection revealed that the facility was exceeding its waste storage limit by several thousand tonnes. 310 Waste Limited and 2020700 Ontario Inc. were issued a Provincial Officer Order requiring them to remove all excess waste from the site. A subsequent MOE inspection revealed that the companies had not complied with the order.

Following an investigation conducted by the MOE's Investigations and Enforcement Branch, charges were laid.

310 Waste Limited and Edmond Hanna each pleaded guilty to one count of failing to comply with a condition of a C of A, contrary to section 186(3) of the *Environmental Protection Act (EPA)*. The company was fined \$100,000 and Hanna was fined \$10,000 for this offence. Hanna was also issued a Court Order prohibiting him from engaging in waste management for two years.

310 Waste Limited and 2020700 Ontario Inc. each pleaded guilty to one count of failing to comply with a Provincial Officer Order, contrary to section 186(2) of the *EPA*. The companies were fined \$200,000 and \$400,000 respectively for this offence.

All fines are exclusive of the victim fine surcharge.

Justice of the Peace Adele Romagnoli sentenced the defendants on July 10, 2006, in the Ontario Court of Justice in Richmond Hill.

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