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CLAYSON STEEL (1988) INC. FINED \$115,000 FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY VIOLATION

BRAMPTON, Ont. – Clayson Steel (1988) Inc., a Brampton-based company that operates a steel fabricating facility, was fined \$115,000 on December 23, 2005 for a violation of the Occupational Health and Safety Act that resulted in serious hand injuries to a worker from a temporary employment agency.

On April 28, 2004, a worker reached into a “brake press” (a machine used to cut metal into various forms) to retrieve a piece of metal when the machine started. The worker received crushing injuries to four fingers resulting in those fingers having to be amputated. The worker had been hired as a general labourer by Clayson Steel (1988) Inc. from an employment agency six days earlier. The day after being hired the worker was put to work on the brake press. A Ministry of Labour investigation found the brake press did not have a guarding device to prevent access to the machine’s moving part. The incident occurred at the company’s plant at 133 East Drive in Brampton.

Clayson Steel (1988) Inc. pleaded guilty, as an employer, to failing to ensure the brake press was equipped with a guard or other device to prevent access to the machine’s moving part, as required by Section 24 of the Regulations for Industrial Establishments. This was contrary to Section 25(1)(a) of the act.

The fine was imposed by Justice Ford Clement of the Ontario Court of Justice in Brampton. In addition, the court imposed a 25-per-cent victim fine surcharge, as required by the Provincial Offences Act. The surcharge is credited to a special provincial government fund to assist victims of crime.

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Court Information at a Glance

Location: Ontario Court of Justice
7755 Hurontario Street, Courtroom 104
Brampton, Ontario

Judge: Justice Ford Clement

Date / Time: December 23, 2005, 10 a.m.

Defendants: Clayson Steel (1988) Inc.

Matter: Occupational Health & Safety

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