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STYLE CONSTRUCTION LIMITED FINED \$80,000 FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY VIOLATION

BRAMPTON, Ont. – Style Construction Limited, a Toronto-based construction company, was fined \$80,000 on October 2, 2006 for a violation of the Occupational Health and Safety Act that resulted in the death of a worker at a construction project in Mississauga.

On December 16, 2004, a drywaller was on an elevated work platform installing drywall tape on the joints of newly-applied drywall boards for a spray paint booth when the drywaller fell off the platform about 2.05 metres (6 feet, nine inches) to a concrete floor below, and died. The drywaller was employed by Skoki Construction Ltd. of Brampton, which had been contracted by Style Construction Limited to do the drywall work. The drywaller was standing on one of Style Construction Limited's elevated work platforms at a construction project at 6096 Ordan Drive in Mississauga. Style Construction Limited had been contracted by the project's constructor ASF Ontario Productions Inc. of Mississauga to do the drywall and other work.

A Ministry of Labour investigation found the drywaller had removed a top guardrail on the work platform and had either removed, or didn't connect, the chains at one side of the platform. The drywaller fell off the unprotected end of the platform.

Style Construction Limited pleaded guilty, as an employer, to failing to ensure an elevated work platform was equipped with guardrails, as required by Section 144(7) of the Regulations for Construction Projects. This was contrary to Section 25(1)(c) of the act.

The fine was imposed by Justice S. Ford Clements 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 106
Brampton, Ontario

Judge: Justice S. Ford Clements

Date / Time: October 2, 2006, 10 a.m.

Defendant: Style Construction Limited

Matter: Occupational Health & Safety

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