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CCL INDUSTRIES INC. FINED \$70,000 FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY VIOLATION

SCARBOROUGH, Ont. – CCL Industries Inc., a Toronto-based chemical manufacturer producing toiletries and hygiene products, was fined \$70,000 today for a violation of the Occupational Health and Safety Act that resulted in serious hand injuries to an employee.

On May 12, 2004, a worker was attempting to remove an overturned bottle before it jammed a capping machine on a bottle-and-capping production line when the worker's right hand was caught in a moving "sprocket drive" (tooth on a wheel) and drawn in. At the time of the incident the capping machine and production line were operating in automatic mode. It was the worker's job to ensure the capping machine operated properly. Normally bottles would be seated upright, but the worker spotted the overturned bottle coming along the line and reached in to pull it out. The worker suffered severe injuries to the right hand resulting in amputation of the upper part of the hand. The incident occurred at the company's plant at 13 Bethridge Road in Toronto.

CCL Industries Inc. pleaded guilty, as an employer, to failing to ensure motion was stopped on the capping machine before it was adjusted, repaired or had maintenance work performed on it, as required by Section 75(a) of the Regulations for Industrial Establishments. This was contrary to Section 25(1)(c) of the act.

The fine was imposed by Justice of the Peace Robert Lewin of the Ontario Court of Justice in Scarborough. 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
1530 Markham Road, Courtroom E8
Scarborough, Ontario

Judge: Justice of the Peace Robert Lewin

Date / Time: October 16, 2006, 9 a.m.

Defendant: CCL Industries Inc.

Matter: Occupational Health & Safety

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