

FKI INDUSTRIES CANADA LIMITED FINED \$70,000 FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY VIOLATION

ST. CATHARINES, Ont. – FKI Industries Canada Limited, a Welland, Ont.-based manufacturer of forged metal parts for the automotive industry, was fined \$70,000 today for a violation of the Occupational Health and Safety Act that resulted in serious leg injuries to an employee.

On May 26, 2005, a press operator was helping to set up a press used in the forging of metal parts when a large component in the assembly fell from a lift truck and hit the ground, landing on the back of one of the operator's legs. Several workers were needed to lift the 726-kilogram (1,600-pound) component from the operator's leg. The operator suffered crushing injuries and fractures to the leg. The incident occurred at the company's factory at 139 Centre Street in Welland.

FKI Industries Canada Limited pleaded guilty, as an employer, to failing to ensure the press components were moved in such a way so as to not endanger a worker, as required by Section 45(a) of the Regulations for Industrial Establishments. This was contrary to Section 25(1)(c) of the act.

The fine was imposed by Justice Alphonse Lacavera of the Ontario Court of Justice in St. Catharines. 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
59 Church Street, Courtroom 2
St. Catharines, Ontario

Judge: Justice Alphonse Lacavera

Date / Time: October 27, 2006, 10 a.m.

Defendant: FKI Industries Canada Limited

Matter: Occupational Health & Safety

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