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## **ADVANCED TENT RENTAL LTD. AND SUPERVISOR FINED FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY VIOLATIONS**

BRAMPTON, Ont. – Advanced Tent Rental Ltd., a Concord, Ont.-based rental company that supplies and erects tents and other temporary structures for corporate and private events, was fined \$130,000 and a supervisor was fined \$6,000 on May 29, 2006 for one violation each of the Occupational Health and Safety Act that resulted in the death of one employee and serious injuries to another.

On June 28, 2005, two workers were taking down a support pole of a tent when the pole came in contact with a live 4,800-volt overhead power cable. Both workers suffered electrical contact injuries. One of the workers died and the other was off work for five months recovering. At the time of the incident the workers were dismantling a 12-by-30-metre (40-by-100-foot) tent. The incident occurred at the Claireville Conservation Ranch on Claireville Conservation Road in Brampton. Advanced Tent Rental Ltd. had been contracted to erect the tent for an annual sales function at the ranch.

Both Advanced Tent Rental Ltd. and a supervisor each pleaded guilty to one count of failing to take every precaution reasonable in the circumstances for the protection of a worker. Specifically they failed to take the following precautions:

- Failing to take the reasonable precaution of ensuring there were no overhead energized electrical lines in the vicinity of the tent installation site prior to lifting or dismantling the tent pole; and/or
- Failing to take the reasonable precaution of ensuring workers were not endangered by energized overhead electrical lines; and/or
- Failing to take the reasonable precaution of ensuring workers were advised of the presence of overhead energized electrical lines prior to lifting or dismantling the tent pole.

The company's charge was contrary to Section 25(2)(h) of the act. The supervisor's charge was contrary to Section 27(2)(c) of the act.

The fines were imposed by Justice of the Peace Sally Fallon of the Ontario Court of Justice in Brampton. In addition to the fines, 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

<b>Location:</b>	Ontario Court of Justice 5 Ray Lawson Boulevard, Courtroom B4 Brampton, Ontario
<b>Judge:</b>	Justice of the Peace Sally Fallon
<b>Date / Time:</b>	May 29, 2006, 2:30 p.m.
<b>Defendants</b>	Advanced Tent Rental Ltd.; and a Supervisor
<b>Matter:</b>	Occupational Health & Safety

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