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## **NORTH SHORE STEEL PRODUCTS LIMITED AND SUPERVISOR FINED FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY VIOLATIONS**

SUDBURY, Ont. – North Shore Steel Products Limited, a Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.-based company that operates a wheel manufacturing plant in Sudbury, was fined \$50,000 on June 22, 2006 and a supervisor was fined \$7,500 for violations of the Occupational Health and Safety Act that resulted in serious injuries to an employee.

On June 5, 2004, a worker was helping to dismantle a spring-loaded overhead garage door when the spring began to unwind and struck the worker's arm. The worker suffered a fracture to the right arm and lacerations to the right elbow. The incident occurred at the company's wheel and wheel rim manufacturing plant at 1818 Old Falconbridge Road in Sudbury.

North Shore Steel Products Limited pleaded guilty to failing, as an employer, to provide information, instruction and supervision to workers on how to safely dismantle the overhead garage door. This was contrary to Section 25(2)(a) of the act. The company was fined \$35,000 on this count.

North Shore Steel Products Limited, carrying on business as North Shore Industrial Wheel Manufacturing, also pleaded guilty to interfering with, disturbing, destroying, altering or carrying away any wreckage, article or thing at the scene or connected with the occurrence without the Ministry of Labour's permission to do so. This was contrary to Section 51(2) and Section 66(1)(a) of the act. The company was fined \$15,000 on this count.

In addition, a company supervisor pleaded guilty to failing to take the reasonable precaution of providing written instructions to workers on how to safely dismantle the overhead garage door prior to directing the workers to dismantle it. This was contrary to Section 27(2)(c) of the act.

The fines were imposed by Justice of the Peace Norman Ross of the Ontario Court of Justice in Sudbury.

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

**Location:** Ontario Court of Justice  
155 Elm Street, Courtroom E  
Sudbury, Ontario

**Judge:** Justice of the Peace Norman Ross

**Date / Time:** June 22, 2006, 9:30 a.m.

**Defendants:** North Shore Steel Products Limited;  
North Shore Steel Products Limited  
*carrying on business as*  
North Shore Industrial Wheel Manufacturing; and a  
Supervisor

**Matter:** Occupational Health & Safety

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