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SUMMO STEEL CORPORATION FINED \$70,000 FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY VIOLATION

BURLINGTON, Ont. – Summo Steel Corporation, a Burlington-based company that manufactures and services steel tubing for the automotive and various other industries, was fined \$70,000 on June 27, 2006 for a violation of the Occupational Health and Safety Act that resulted in injuries to an employee.

On January 31, 2005, a machine operator was making a routine adjustment to a machine when the machine operator's shirt became entangled in the machine's exposed rotating shaft. The machine operator was unable to get free and became increasingly entangled in the shaft. After the machine operator called out for help, fellow workers arrived at the scene and were eventually able to stop the machine's rotation by shutting off the machine's main power. The workers freed the machine operator by cutting the entangled shirt using a razor knife. The machine operator suffered three cracked ribs and lacerations to the left arm as well as bruising and cuts to the left leg. The incident occurred at the company's facility at 4041 North Service Road in Burlington.

Summo Steel Corporation pleaded guilty, as an employer, to failing to ensure a machine part was adjusted only when motion that may endanger a worker had stopped. This was contrary to Section 75(a) of the Regulations for Industrial Establishments and Section 25(1)(c) of the act.

The fine was imposed by Justice Fred Forsyth of the Ontario Court of Justice in Burlington. 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 2021 Plains Road East, Courtroom 1 Burlington, Ontario
Judge:	Justice Fred Forsyth
Date / Time:	June 27, 2006, 10 a.m.
Defendant:	Summo Steel Corporation
Matter:	Occupational Health & Safety

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