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HUMBERLINE PACKAGING INC. FINED \$100,000 FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY VIOLATION

SCARBOROUGH, Ont. – Humberline Packaging Inc., a Toronto-based manufacturer of plastic containers, was fined \$100,000 today for a violation of the Occupational Health and Safety Act that resulted in serious head injuries to an employee.

On November 8, 2004, a worker was peering inside a machine in order to view a fluid leak when the machine, which was in motion, cycled. The worker's head was struck by equipment in the machine. The worker suffered a fractured skull and brain injuries. The incident occurred at the company's manufacturing plant at 310 Humberline Drive in Etobicoke, Ont.

Humberline Packaging Inc. pleaded guilty, as an employer, to failing to ensure the machine was cleaned, oiled, adjusted, repaired and/or had maintenance work performed on it only when motion that could endanger a worker was stopped, as required by Section 75 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 Cledwyne Longe 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 Cledwyne Longe

Date / Time: August 24, 2006, 9 a.m.

Defendant: Humberline Packaging Inc.

Matter: Occupational Health & Safety

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