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ACCURAX MANUFACTURING INC. FINED \$62,500 FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY VIOLATION

BRAMPTON, Ont. – Accurax Manufacturing Inc., a Brampton-based manufacturer of racks and other storage system components, was fined \$62,500 on September 18, 2006 for a violation of the Occupational Health and Safety Act that resulted in serious finger injuries to a young employee.

On May 4, 2005, a worker was operating a shearing machine used to cut metal sheets when the worker's hand got caught close to the blade, which came down and amputated four fingers on the worker's right hand. The incident occurred at the company's plant at 60 Advance Boulevard in Brampton.

A Ministry of Labour investigation found a guarding device that would have prevented access to the blade had been removed the previous day. The ministry also found Accurax did not provide adequate supervision or proper instruction to the worker in how to operate the shearing machine with proper safety guards.

Accurax Manufacturing Inc. pleaded guilty, as an employer, to failing to provide information, instruction and supervision to a worker to protect the health and safety of the worker, as required by Section 25(2)(a) of the act.

The fine was imposed by Justice Elinore Ready of the Ontario Court of Justice in Brampton. 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
7755 Hurontario Street, Courtroom 103
Brampton, Ontario

Judge: Justice Elinore Ready

Date / Time: September 18, 2006, 10 a.m.

Defendant: Accurax Manufacturing Inc.

Matter: Occupational Health & Safety

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