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D/C CONTRACTING LTD. FINED \$100,000 FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY VIOLATION

SCARBOROUGH, Ont. – D/C Contracting Ltd., a Scarborough-based construction company specializing in new home building and home/office renovations, was fined \$100,000 on October 23, 2006 for a violation of the Occupational Health and Safety Act that resulted in the death of a City of Toronto building inspector.

On September 24, 2003, two City of Toronto building inspectors were inspecting a partially-built, two-storey home when one of the inspectors fell through an uncovered portion of a main-floor stairway opening about 2.67 metres (eight feet, nine inches) to a concrete basement floor below. The inspector suffered head injuries and died the next day in hospital. The inspector had been on the job for just three weeks. The incident occurred at a construction site on Greenwood Avenue in Toronto.

D/C Contracting Ltd. pleaded guilty, as a constructor, to failing to ensure a guardrail or protective covering was in place over the stairway opening, as required by Section 26.3(2) of the Regulations for Construction Projects. This was contrary to Section 23(1)(a) of the act.

The fine was imposed by Justice Inderpaul Chandhoke 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 Inderpaul Chandhoke

Date / Time: October 23, 2006, 9 a.m.

Defendant: D/C Contracting Ltd.

Matter: Occupational Health & Safety

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