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## **MATTEL CANADA INC. FINED \$65,000 FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY VIOLATION**

BRAMPTON, Ont. – Mattel Canada Inc., a toy manufacturer, with a storage warehouse in Mississauga, Ont., was fined \$65,000 today for a violation of the Occupational Health and Safety Act that resulted in a serious wrist injury to an employee.

On March 25, 2004, a worker was using a lift truck to lift a load weighing 910 kilograms (2,006 pounds) when the truck and load fell forward onto the truck's front end. The worker's left wrist was broken in the incident. A Ministry of Labour investigation found one of the factors that contributed to the incident was that the lift truck was loaded in excess of its maximum rated capacity of 726 kilograms (1,600 pounds). The incident occurred at the company's warehouse at 6155 Freemont Boulevard in Mississauga.

Mattel Canada Inc. pleaded guilty, as an employer, to failing to ensure the lift truck was not loaded in excess of its maximum rated load, as required by Section 59 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 Deborah Scarlett 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  
5 Ray Lawson Boulevard, Courtroom B2  
Brampton, Ontario

**Judge:** Justice of the Peace Deborah Scarlett

**Date / Time:** February 7, 2006, 9 a.m.

**Defendant:** Mattel Canada Inc.

**Matter:** Occupational Health & Safety

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