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CORPAP INC. FINED \$50,000 FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY VIOLATION

BURLINGTON, Ont. – Corpap Inc., a Markham, Ont.-based company that produces paper products at a plant in Oakville, was fined \$50,000 today for a violation of the Occupational Health and Safety Act that resulted in a hand injury to an employee.

On March 8, 2006, a worker shut down a “long-arm, radial saw” (an electric saw used to cut notches in wood) and began using a vacuum to clean off sawdust when the worker’s right hand became caught in a blade that was still spinning on the saw. The worker suffered a deep cut to the hand. The incident occurred at the company’s plant at 2951 Bristol Circle in Oakville.

Corpap Inc. pleaded guilty, as an employer, to failing to ensure motion that could endanger a worker was stopped when the saw was being cleaned, 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 Jerry Woloschuk 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
2051 Plains Road East, Courtroom 2
Burlington, Ontario

Judge: Justice of the Peace Jerry Woloschuk

Date / Time: June 26, 2006, 9 a.m.

Defendant: Corpap Inc.

Matter: Occupational Health & Safety

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