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CONCORDE DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS LTD. AND R. BECKMAN CELLULOSE INC. FINED \$22,500 FOR VIOLATING THE ONTARIO WATER RESOURCES ACT

KITCHENER — Concorde Distribution Systems Ltd. and R. Beckman Cellulose Inc. have been fined a total of \$22,500 after pleading guilty to violations under the Ontario Water Resources Act.

Concorde Distribution Systems Ltd. is located in London and delivers and transports goods on behalf of other companies. R. Beckman Cellulose Inc. is located in Cambridge where it uses white glue in its manufacturing process. The court heard that on the morning of April 20, 2004, a Concorde truck driver spilled a 205 litre drum of liquid white glue on the floor of the truck as he arrived at Beckman Cellulose. The driver, and Beckman employees, hosed out the glue into a storm sewer under the truck in the receiving dock area. The sewer drains into a creek and then into the Grand River. The flushing of the glue into the sewer caused the water to look white and murky. Although neither party reported the spill, Beckman Cellulose promptly had the site cleaned up at a cost of more than \$9,000.

Following a complaint to the Ministry of the Environment, an expert concluded that the glue impaired the waters into which it was deposited.

Concorde Distribution Systems Ltd. pleaded guilty and was fined \$10,000 and R. Beckman Cellulose Inc. pleaded guilty and was fined \$2,500 for causing the discharge of a contaminant that has the potential to impair water quality contrary to Section 30 (1) of the Ontario Water Resources Act (OWRA). The Court indicated that it took the money Beckman spent on the clean up into account in sentencing the company. Each company was also fined \$5,000 for failing to notify the Ministry of the Environment of the spill under Section 30 (2) of the OWRA, plus a victim fine surcharge.

Justice of the Peace Robert Gay heard the case in the Ontario Court of Justice in Kitchener, Ontario, on December 5, 2005.

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