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## **BELLE-PAK PACKAGING INC. FINED \$5,000 FOR VIOLATION OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT**

RICHMOND HILL — Belle-Pak Packaging Inc. has been fined \$5,000, plus a victim fine surcharge, after pleading guilty to a violation under the Environmental Protection Act (EPA).

Belle-Pak Packaging has been operating its printing and plastic bag processing machines at 7465 Birchmount Road in Markham since 2004, following a move from 7400 Victoria Park Avenue, in Markham.

The Court heard that in June 2004, the company began moving its entire operation to the new location. Some processes were again under way in late August, however, the company's Certificate of Approval (C of A), issued by the Ministry of the Environment in 1998, only applied to the former location.

In February 2005, an inspection of the new location by the Ministry of the Environment's Sector Compliance Branch found that the company was operating several machines that required a C of A. An application for a C of A had been submitted to MOE on January 18, 2005, but it had not yet been issued.

The ministry's Investigations and Enforcement Branch investigated and charged the company. Belle-Pak Packaging Inc. pleaded guilty to operating equipment for which a C of A is required, contrary to Section 9 (7) of the EPA, and was fined \$5,000, plus a victim fine surcharge.

Justice of the Peace E. Linda DeBartolo heard the case in the Ontario Court of Justice in Richmond Hill, Ontario, on February 13, 2006.

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