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COLONIAL WOOD PACKAGING INC FINED \$2,700 FOR VIOLATION OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT

BRANTFORD — Colonial Wood Packaging Inc has been fined \$2,700 after pleading guilty to violating the Environmental Protection Act (EPA).

Colonial Wood Packaging Inc (CWPI) manufactures wooden pallets and crates at a facility located at 127 Old Onondaga Road in Brant County.

The Court heard that in April 2004, a Provincial Officer with the Ministry of the Environment (MOE) observed wood being burned in a metal dumpster at the back of the facility. The officer later issued a Provincial Officer's Order to the company to "immediately cease burning wood for the purposes of waste disposal." In November 2004, an MOE officer again observed the unsupervised burning of wood at the same dumpster at the facility.

Following an investigation by the ministry's Investigations and Enforcement Branch, charges were laid.

On November 25, 2005, CWPI pleaded guilty to failing to comply with a Provincial Officer's Order, contrary to Section 186(2) of the EPA. On March 1, 2006, the company was fined \$2,700, plus a victim fine surcharge.

Justice of the Peace Kerry J. Boon heard the case in the Ontario Court of Justice in Brantford, Ontario, on November 25, 2005, while sentencing took place on March 1, 2006.

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