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ONTARIO MILLWORK LIMITED AND OWNER FINED \$15,000

BURLINGTON — Ontario Millwork Limited and Svetozar Keser have been fined a total of \$15,000, plus a victim fine surcharge (VFS), for two counts under the Environmental Protection Act (EPA).

Ontario Millwork Limited operates a custom woodworking facility located at 3348 Harvester Road in Burlington, Ontario. Svetozar Keser is the owner and sole operator of the company.

The Court heard that on November 14, 2003, the Provincial Officer with the Ministry of the Environment conducted a routine inspection of the facility which revealed a paint spray booth and baghouse in operation without a Certificate of Approval.

A Provincial Officer's Order was issued on November 17, 2004 to Ontario Millwork. An item of the Order required the company to complete and submit an application for a C of A to the Director of the Environmental Assessment and Approvals Branch by March 17, 2005.

The company did not comply with this requirement and following an investigation by the ministry's Investigations and Enforcement Branch, charges were laid.

Ontario Millwork Limited and Svetozar Keser were found guilty, following an ex-parte trial, of failing to comply with a Provincial Officer's Order, contrary to Section 186(2) of the EPA. Ontario Millwork Limited was fined \$12,000 plus a victim fine surcharge (VFS) and Svetozar Keser was fined \$3,000 plus VFS.

Justice of the Peace William T. Phipps heard the case in the Ontario Court of Justice in Burlington, Ontario, on February 21, 2006.

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