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CON-DURA READY MIX INC. FINED TOTAL OF \$10,000 FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT VIOLATIONS

WASAGA BEACH—Con-Dura Ready Mix Inc. has been fined a total of \$10,000, plus a victim fine surcharge, after being found guilty of three violations of the *Environmental Protection Act (EPA)*.

The Con-Dura Ready Mix cement plant is located in Barrie, Ontario. The Court heard that on June 13, 2003, cement dust from the Con-Dura plant covered vehicles on a property adjacent to the plant.

Provincial officers who visited the plant to inspect the matter were told that the cement dust had escaped through a tear in a bag within the plant's baghouse. The company did not have a Certificate of Approval (C of A) for the baghouse.

Con-Dura was ordered by a provincial officer to apply for a C of A for the baghouse by July 15, 2003. The company failed to do so.

Following an investigation, charges were laid.

Con-Dura Ready Mix Inc. was found guilty of the following *EPA* violations:

- Causing the discharge of a contaminant into the natural environment that had an adverse effect, contrary to section 14(1) of the act.
- Failing to comply with a Provincial Officer Order, contrary to section 186(2) of the act.
- Operating equipment without a C of A, contrary to section 9(7) of the act.

The company was fined \$5,000 for the first offence, and \$2,500 each for the latter two offences.

Ida Incerto—President, Secretary, Treasurer and sole Director of Con-Dura—was also found guilty of the first and third offences. Ms. Incerto received a suspended sentence.

Justice of the Peace Dennis Wilson sentenced the company on August 8, 2006 in the Ontario Court of Justice in Wasaga Beach.

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