

ECOFAB MARKETING LTD. FINED \$8,000 FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT VIOLATION

CORNWALL—Ecofab Marketing Ltd. has been fined \$8,000, plus a victim fine surcharge, after pleading guilty to a violation of the *Environmental Protection Act (EPA)*.

Ecofab Marketing Ltd. manufactures and distributes fiberglass rail car covers. In October 2005, the company established a manufacturing plant in Long Sault, Ontario. The Court heard that in December 2005, the ministry received complaints from nearby residents about chemical odours. An environmental officer visited the plant and found that an exhaust fan had been operating at the site, without the required Certificate of Approval (C of A) from the ministry.

The environmental officer advised the plant manager that a C of A was required for the exhaust fan, however, in January 2006, the ministry continued to receive odour complaints from nearby residents. A subsequent inspection revealed that the exhaust fan was still being operated without a C of A.

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

Ecofab Marketing Ltd. pleaded guilty to one count of constructing equipment from which a contaminant, namely, odour, can be discharged into the natural environment, without a C of A. This was a violation of section 186(1) of the *EPA*, and Ecofab was fined \$8,000.

Ecofab is currently looking for an alternate location in the Cornwall area to establish its manufacturing plant. The company has indicated that it will first obtain the necessary approval and install any required pollution control equipment.

Justice of the Peace Luc Guindon sentenced the defendant on June 28, 2006 in the Ontario Court of Justice in Cornwall.

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