

AMVIC INC. FINED \$8,000 FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT VIOLATION

SCARBOROUGH—Amvic Inc. has been fined \$8,000, plus a victim fine surcharge, after pleading guilty to one count of operating a facility that may discharge a contaminant into the air, without a Certificate of Approval (C of A).

Amvic Inc. produces insulated concrete forms made of expanded polystyrene for the construction industry. The company's production facility is currently located at 501 McNicoll Avenue in Toronto.

The Court heard that in 2005, Amvic transferred its production facility from a previous location to the McNicoll Avenue site, and by August 3, 2005 the production facility was in full operation. The company did not apply for a C of A for air emissions to operate the facility until October 11, 2005.

Operating equipment that may discharge a contaminant to the natural environment without first obtaining a C of A is a contravention of section 9(7) of the *Environmental Protection Act (EPA)*.

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

Amvic Inc. pleaded guilty to one count of non-compliance with section 9(7) of the *EPA*, and was fined \$8,000 for the offence.

Justice of the Peace Shailesh Dudani sentenced the company on August 17, 2006 in the Ontario Court of Justice in Scarborough.

The ministry issued a C of A to the company in July 2006.

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