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WILLY'S ROLL-OFFS LTD. AND 1092066 ONTARIO INC. FINED TOTAL OF \$42,000 FOR WASTE MANAGEMENT VIOLATIONS

OTTAWA—Willy's Roll-Offs Ltd. and 1092066 Ontario Inc. were fined a total of \$42,000, plus a victim fine surcharge, after pleading guilty to violations of the *Environmental Protection Act (EPA)*.

Willy's Roll-Offs Ltd. (Willy's) operates a service that rents waste containers, from 2878 Stagecoach Road in the City of Ottawa. 1092066 Ontario Inc. (1092066) operates a construction demolition business and owns the 2878 Stagecoach Road property.

The Court heard that on September 3, 2004 a Ministry of the Environment (MOE) Provincial Officer inspected the Stagecoach Road property and found significant quantities of waste on site, as well as burnt waste mixed with soil. The property was not an approved disposal site, as is required by MOE.

On November 4, 2004, a follow-up inspection found new waste on site. The officer informed both companies that the storage, processing or disposal of waste at an unapproved site was prohibited.

An investigation conducted by the MOE's Investigations and Enforcement Branch revealed that in 2004, the Ottawa Fire Department had to extinguish two separate waste fires at 2878 Stagecoach Road. The second fire had occurred after the companies were told that the burning of waste was prohibited.

The investigation also revealed that roll-off bins containing waste had been brought to the property on at least two occasions after the companies had been informed the site was not approved to receive waste.

Following the investigation, charges were laid.

Willy's Roll-Offs Ltd. pleaded guilty to one count of failing to comply with a condition of its Provisional Certificate of Approval (C of A) by failing to dispose of its waste at an approved site on two separate dates. For each of the two days of this violation of section 186(3) of the EPA, Willy's was fined \$16,000, for a total of \$32,000.

1092066 Ontario Ltd. pleaded guilty to one count of operating a waste disposal site without a Provisional C of A, contrary to section 27(1)(b) of the EPA. The company was fined \$10,000 for this offence.

Justice of the Peace Louisette Girault sentenced the defendants on December 7, 2006, in the Ontario Court of Justice in Ottawa.

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