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TORONTO RECYCLING & WASTE FIRMS RECEIVE FINES OF \$35,000 FOR VIOLATING THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT

TORONTO— Edward Solomon, First Waste Utilities Corporation and RPL Recycle and Transfer Ltd. have been fined a total of \$35,000, plus victim fine surcharges, after pleading guilty to violating the Environmental Protection Act.

Edward Solomon was the Chief Executive Officer of RPL Recycle and Transfer Ltd., which was amalgamated in 2006 with First Waste Utilities Corporation, under the name First Waste Utilities Corporation.

The Court heard the RPL Recycle and Transfer Ltd. failed to comply with its provisional Certificate of Approval by accepting waste material not allowed under its certificate, and for not storing its waste indoors as required. The company also failed to comply with an order that required all doors to be closed at all times at the site except during the loading and unloading of waste.

Mr. Solomon, First Waste Utilities Corporation and RPL Recycle and Transfer Ltd. were charged following an investigation by the Ministry of the Environment's Investigations and Enforcement Branch.

Mr. Solomon and RPL Recycle and Transfer Ltd. pleaded guilty to two counts of failing to comply with a provisional Certificate of Approval and one count of failing to comply with a Provincial Officer's Order. Mr. Solomon was fined \$3,000 and RPL Recycle & Transfer Ltd. was fined \$6,000, plus victim fine surcharges. Mr. Solomon and First Waste Utilities Corporation pleaded guilty to five counts of failing to comply with a provisional Certificate of Approval. Mr. Solomon was fined \$9,000 and First Waste Utilities Corporation was fined \$17,000, plus victim fine surcharges. Mr. Solomon and the companies were given eight months to pay all fines.

The case was heard in the Ontario Court of Justice in Toronto with sentencing imposed in September of last year.

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