

For Immediate Release  
February 20, 2008

## **BULK PLUS LOGISTICS LTD. FINED \$107,500 FOR ACID SPILL**

**NEWMARKET** – Bulk Plus Logistics Ltd. has been fined \$107,500, plus a victim fine surcharge, for violating the Environmental Protection Act.

Bulk Plus Logistics Ltd. operates and manages a railway terminal located at 8820 Keele Street in Vaughan, Ontario.

The Court heard in July 2006, an employee of the company was in the process of transferring hydrochloric acid from a railcar to a transport truck. Due to washers that were in poor condition and bolts that were the wrong size, acid was able to leak from the railcar, causing an acid plume to drift over a neighbouring business, a trucking company.

The fumes from the spill resulted in an evacuation of the trucking company's building and property. Once the fumes dissipated from the area, a number of employees started to feel nauseous, experienced burning eyes and had difficulty breathing. A temporary triage center was set up in the parking lot of the trucking company to decontaminate affected employees. Some employees required hospital treatment.

Bulk Plus Logistics Ltd. was charged following an investigation by the Ministry of the Environment's Investigations and Enforcement Branch.

The company pleaded guilty to one count of violating section 14(1) of the Environmental Protection Act by causing or permitting a discharge of a contaminant which caused an adverse effect. The company was fined \$107,500, plus a victim fine surcharge, and given 90 days to pay.

Justice of the Peace Karen Walker heard the case in the Ontario Court of Justice in Newmarket, Ontario, and imposed sentence on February 20, 2008.

- 30 -

For further information:

### **Members of the media:**

John Steele  
Communications Branch  
(416) 314-6666

