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J.W. SHELDRIK SANITATION LTD. FINED \$20,000 FOR VIOLATING THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT

ST. CATHARINES — J.W. Sheldrick Sanitation Ltd. has been fined a total of \$20,000, plus a victim fine surcharge, after pleading guilty to violating the Environmental Protection Act.

The Court heard that J.W. Sheldrick Sanitation Ltd. operates a waste transfer site at 6278 London Road in Smithville. Conditions of the company's certificate required the company to submit an annual report to the Ministry of the Environment; however, reports were not received for 2003, 2004 and 2006. In January 2006, the company's certificate was amended by the ministry, requiring the company to submit a report that included odour data from July to December 2004. This report was not submitted as required and a Provincial Officer's Order was issued to the company. The order was not complied with and the non-compliance was referred to the Investigations and Enforcement Branch.

J.W. Sheldrick Sanitation Ltd. was charged following an investigation by the Ministry of the Environment's Investigations and Enforcement Branch.

J.W. Sheldrick Sanitation Ltd. pleaded guilty to five counts of violating the Environmental Protection Act, four for failing to comply with a Provincial Officer's Order, contrary to section 186(3) of the Environmental Protection Act, and one for failing to submit an annual report for 2006, contrary to section 186(3) of the Environmental Protection Act. J.W. Sheldrick Sanitation Ltd. was fined a total of \$20,000, plus a victim fine surcharge, and given 60 days to pay. The fine was apportioned at \$4,000 per count.

Justice of the Peace Carollyn A. Straughan heard the case in the Ontario Court of Justice in St. Catharines, and imposed sentence on February 15, 2008.

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