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TSC STORES GP INC. FINED \$75,000 FOLLOWING WORKER INJURY

OWEN SOUND, Ont. – TSC Stores GP Inc., a London-based retailer of farm supplies and hardware, was fined \$75,000 on January 9, 2009, for a workplace health and safety violation related to a worker's injury at its store in Owen Sound.

On May 2, 2007, at the company's Owen Sound store, two workers were moving a utility vehicle to a locked area for the night. The operator was driving around a curve at high speed when the vehicle tipped over and then skidded. The operator suffered a fractured leg and the passenger was unharmed.

A Ministry of Labour investigation concluded the employer had not provided adequate information and instructions to the worker on how to operate the vehicle. TSC Stores GP Inc. pleaded guilty to failing, as an employer, to ensure that mobile equipment was operated by a competent person, as prescribed by section 54(1)(d) of Ontario Regulation 851/90 for industrial establishments. This is contrary to section (25)(1)(c) of the Occupational Health and Safety Act.

The fine was imposed by Justice of the Peace Robert T. Gay in the Ontario Court of Justice, Owen Sound. In addition to the fine, the court imposed a 25-per-cent victim fine surcharge on the total, as required by the Provincial Offences Act. The surcharge is credited to a special provincial government fund to assist victims of crime.

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Court Information at a Glance

Location:	Ontario Court of Justice 611 - 9th Avenue East, Courtroom 1 Owen Sound, Ontario
Judge:	Justice of the Peace Robert T. Gay
Date:	January 9, 2009
Defendants:	TSC Stores GP Inc.
Matter:	Occupational Health and Safety
Crown Counsel:	Courtney Harris

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