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LAKEPORT BREWING GP INC. FINED \$50,000 AFTER WORKER INJURED

HAMILTON, Ont. – Lakeport Brewing GP Inc., a Hamilton-based beer producer, was fined \$50,000 for a health and safety violation on January 20, 2009, after a worker was injured.

On July 20, 2007, a line mechanic at the company's Burlington St. facility, in Hamilton, was fixing a squeaky roller on a conveyer line. The worker was crouching under the moving conveyer to spray lubricant on the roller, when the worker's hand was caught and pulled between the roller and conveyer belt. The worker suffered a broken arm and crushing injuries to the hand.

A Ministry of Labour investigation found that the conveyer was not guarded to prevent access to the pinch point between the moving roller and conveyer belt. Lakeport Brewing GP Inc. pleaded guilty to failing, as an employer, to ensure that the equipment, materials and protective devices prescribed by section 25 of Ontario Regulation 851/90 for industrial establishments were provided. This is contrary to paragraph 25(1)(a) of the Occupational Health and Safety Act.

The fine was imposed by Justice of the Peace Hugh Brown in the Ontario Court of Justice, Hamilton. 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 45 Main St. E, Courtroom 320 Hamilton, Ontario
Judge:	Justice of the Peace Hugh Brown
Date:	January 20, 2009, 10:30 a.m.
Defendants:	Lakeport Brewing GP Inc.
Matter:	Occupational Health and Safety
Crown Counsel:	Brian Fukuzawa

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