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**STAYANA INTERNATIONAL TRADING FINED \$60,000 AND  
MANAGER FINED \$5,000 AFTER WORKER SERIOUSLY INJURED**

TORONTO, Ont. – 1533354 Ontario Ltd., carrying on business as Stayana International Trading, a Toronto company that shreds plastic materials for recycling, was fined \$60,000 on March 26, 2009, for a violation under the Occupational Health and Safety Act after a worker was seriously injured. Sales manager Leonid Kofman was also fined \$5,000 for a violation under the Act.

On August 28, 2007, a worker at the company's Flint Road industrial facility suffered a serious head injury after falling from a 1.9-metre high platform to the concrete floor below.

A Ministry of Labour investigation found that the platform did not have a guardrail to prevent the worker from falling. The ministry issued a stop work order on August 30, 2007, and a stop work tag was attached to the main controls of the plastic grinder beside the platform.

On September 19, 2007, a Ministry of Labour inspector went to the facility to verify that the company had completed compliance measures and to lift the stop work order. Upon arrival, the inspector saw the stop work tag on the grinder had been removed and reattached. A worker stated that Mr. Kofman had removed the tag and authorized use of the grinder, but that shortly afterwards, an owner of the company shut down the line and told workers they were not yet allowed to use the machine. When questioned by the inspector, Mr. Kofman falsely denied removing the tag and authorizing use of the grinder.

1533354 Ontario Ltd., carrying on business as Stayana International Trading, pleaded guilty to failing to ensure there was a guardrail on the open sides of the platform beside the grinder.

Leonid Kofman pleaded guilty to knowingly furnishing an inspector with false information.

The fine was imposed by Justice of the Peace Lynette Stethem. 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

<b>Location:</b>	Ontario Court of Justice 60 Queen St. W., Courtroom C Toronto, Ontario
<b>Judge:</b>	Justice of the Peace Lynette Stethem
<b>Date of Conviction:</b>	March 26, 2009
<b>Defendants:</b>	1533354 Ontario Ltd., carrying on business as Stayana International Trading, and Leonid Kofman
<b>Matter:</b>	Occupational Health and Safety
<b>Conviction(s):</b>	Stayana International Trading: <a href="#">Ontario Regulation 851, section 13(1)(b)(i)</a>  Leonid Kofman: <a href="#">Occupational Health and Safety Act, section 62(3)(a)</a>
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