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**ROYAL EDGE INCORPORATED AND DIRECTOR FINED A TOTAL OF \$44,000  
AFTER FAILING TO COMPLY WITH HEALTH AND SAFETY ORDERS**

BRAMPTON, Ont. – Royal Edge Incorporated, a Brampton company that makes edge banding products for materials such as kitchen countertops, was fined \$40,000 on May 12, 2009, for a violation under the Occupational Health and Safety Act (OHSA), for failing to comply with an order issued by a Ministry of Labour Health and Safety Inspector. Royal Edge Incorporated director Peter Boussoulas was also fined \$4,000 for failing to ensure the company complied with multiple orders issued by an inspector.

On August 16, 2007, a Ministry of Labour Industrial Health and Safety Inspector visited the Royal Edge factory at 1600 Clark Boulevard in Brampton to conduct an inspection and discovered unguarded rollers on an edging machine and issued an order requiring the company to guard the device by August 20, 2007.

Prior to this visit, the inspector had been to this workplace on seven occasions between June 27, 2006, and July 23, 2007. Over the course of those inspections, the inspector issued a total of 13 orders relating to guarding violations at the workplace. The inspector issued additional orders for other violations for a total of forty-four orders in the course of nine visits.

The inspector returned to the workplace on October 9, 2007, to monitor compliance with the orders. As of that time, 24 of the 44 orders were not complied with, including the August 16 guarding order. On October 9 the inspector noted a total of six guarding violations on the company's nine production lines.

Royal Edge Incorporated pleaded guilty under the OHSA of failing to comply with an order issued by an inspector. Peter Boussoulas failed as a director to ensure that Royal Edge Incorporated complied with multiple orders of an inspector contrary to the OHSA.

The fines were imposed by Justice of the Peace D. Florence. In addition to the fines, the court also 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 Courtroom B2 5 Ray Lawson Boulevard Brampton, Ontario
<b>Judge:</b>	Justice of the Peace D. Florence
<b>Date of Conviction:</b>	May 12, 2009
<b>Defendants:</b>	Royal Edge Incorporated
<b>Matter:</b>	Occupational Health and Safety
<b>Conviction(s):</b>	Royal Edge Incorporated <a href="#">OHS section 66(1)(b)</a> Peter Boussoulas <a href="#">OHS section 32(1)(b)</a>
<b>Crown Counsel:</b>	Melanie Shulman



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