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Arriscraft International GPT Limited Fined \$70,000 After Worker Injured

Kitchener, Ont. – Arriscraft International GPT Limited, a Cambridge maker of masonry building products, was fined \$70,000 on July 21, 2009, for a violation under the Occupational Health and Safety Act (OHSA) after a worker was injured.

On August 30, 2007, a worker was operating a machine that processes calcium silicate building stones. One stone needed adjusting. In doing this manually, the worker suffered severe hand injuries.

A Ministry of Labour investigation found that Arriscraft did not create and implement a formal policy for safely operating the machine.

Arriscraft International GPT Limited pleaded guilty under the OHSA to failing, as an employer, to take every precaution reasonable for the protection of the worker.

The fine was imposed by Justice of the Peace Robert Gay. In addition to the fine, 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

Location:	Ontario Court of Justice 77 Queen Street, Courtroom 102 Kitchener, Ont
Judge:	Justice of the Peace Robert Gay
Date of Conviction:	July 21, 2009
Defendants:	Arriscraft International GPT Limited
Matter:	Occupational Health and Safety
Conviction(s):	OHSA, Section 25(2)(h)
Crown Counsel:	Neil Gobardhan

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