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Court imposes \$8,000 fine for breaking safety seal and using unsafe boiler

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (Toronto, ON, December 5, 2016) – The Technical Standards and Safety Authority (TSSA) successfully prosecuted a Toronto commercial laundry business for operating a malfunctioning boiler and not having qualified personnel on staff to run the equipment.

The Ontario Court of Justice in Toronto accepted a guilty plea from Mega City Laundry Ltd. and fined the company \$8,000 plus the mandatory 25% victim fine surcharge for a total penalty of \$10,000.

During a 2013 investigation, TSSA inspectors determined that a natural gas boiler, which had been previously sealed with a 'DO NOT USE' TSSA tag, was being unlawfully operated and emitting dangerous levels of carbon monoxide (CO). The boiler had been put out of service in 2011, but Mega City unlawfully broke the seal and turned the boiler back on. Mega City also failed to have a 4th Class Operating Engineer on staff to operate its equipment.

"These are serious violations of Ontario's safety rules that will not be tolerated," said Mike Adams, Director of TSSA's Boilers and Pressure Vessels and Operating Engineers Safety Program. "Knowingly operating equipment that has been sealed for safety reasons and not having qualified personnel on staff is an act of gross negligence that puts workers and the public in harm's way," added Mr. Adams.

About TSSA

The Technical Standards and Safety Authority (TSSA) is Ontario's public safety regulator mandated by the Government of Ontario to enforce provincial safety regulations and enhance public safety. Throughout Ontario, TSSA regulates the safety of amusement devices, boilers and pressure vessels, elevating devices, fuels, operating engineers, ski lifts, and upholstered and stuffed articles. Its range of safety services include public education and consumer information, certification, licensing and registration, engineering design review, inspections, investigations, safety management consultation, and enforcement and prosecution activities. The organization's vision is to be a valued advocate and recognized authority in public safety.

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