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Media Release

LSI Transport NWT Limited sentenced for offences under the Northwest Territories' *Safety Act*

Yellowknife, NT (November 15, 2018) – On November 7, 2018, LSI Transport NWT Limited appeared in the Territorial Court of the Northwest Territories in Yellowknife and was sentenced for offences under the Northwest Territories' *Safety Act*.

The Prosecutor and Counsel for LSI Transport NWT Limited jointly proposed a sentence of a global fine of $40,000. The Judge accepted the joint sentencing proposal, along with the recommendation for a Victim of Crime Surcharge in the amount of 15% of the fine.

The conviction stems from an incident on July 10, 2017 at a worksite on Highway #3 south of Yellowknife.

Employers are legally responsible to take every reasonable precaution for the health and safety of workers. This includes ensuring all workers and supervisors receive the training and instruction required to perform their tasks and duties safely; and ensuring that any machinery at the worksite has the sufficient safety measures in place to prevent incident and injury.

It is important for employers who have operations taking place at a quarry that this may now fall under the *Safety Act* and the *Occupational Health and Safety Regulations* and not the *Mine Health and Safety Act* and *Regulations* as was the case in the past. Failure to comply with the law in this area can lead to serious, sometimes fatal, injuries. Compliance with the *Safety Act* and its regulations promotes safety in the workplace and helps ensure that workers return home safe at the end of the day.

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