

Media Release

The Workers' Safety and Compensation Commission Lay Charges under the Northwest Territories' *Safety Act*

Yellowknife, NT (July 10, 2018) – On June 29, 2018, the Workers' Safety and Compensation Commission filed five charges in the Northwest Territories' Territorial Court under the Northwest Territories' *Safety Act*.

LSI Transport NWT Limited and Supervisor Richard German are charged with multiple counts, which allege various offences in violation of the *Safety Act* and the *Occupational Health and Safety Regulations*, including failing to:

- provide an effective safeguard to prevent a worker from coming into contact with a dangerous moving part of a machine;
- ensure that supervisors had completed an approved regulatory familiarization program;
- ensure that workers are trained in matters necessary to protect their health and safety at a worksite, particularly with respect to working safely near or with moving parts of machinery;
- install sufficiently audible alarm systems on machinery with moving parts to provide workers with timely notice of imminent start-up;
- ensure that the machine was locked out and remained locked out before workers begin maintenance, testing, or repair work.

The alleged breaches stem from an incident on July 10, 2017 at a worksite on Highway #3 south of Yellowknife.

The WSCC reminds all employers that their legislated workplace responsibilities include ensuring all workers and supervisors receive training and instruction necessary to ensure the safety of workers and the worksite; and ensuring that any machinery at the worksite has the sufficient safety measures in place to prevent incident and injury.

The first court appearance in this matter is scheduled for August 21, 2018, in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories.

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Note:

- 1. This matter is now before the courts, so additional information available for release is limited.
- 2. The Safety Act, section 11, outlines requirements for confidentiality relating to what personal information the WSCC can release. The Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act also states what personal information government bodies are permitted to release. Under these Acts, the WSCC is unable to disclose personal information or information that could reasonably identify an individual.