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CAMBRIDGE RESIDENTS COMMENCE CLASS ACTION LAWSUIT ALLEGING ENVIRONMENTAL CONTAMINATION

Northstar Aerospace, Inc. and Northstar Aerospace (Canada) Inc. facing legal action as a result of Trichloroethylene (“TCE”) contamination

A Statement of Claim was issued in the Ontario Superior Court of Justice today for damages for negligence, nuisance and breach of duty against Northstar Aerospace, Inc. and Northstar Aerospace (Canada) Inc., in respect of alleged contamination of TCE in the subsurface and groundwater of lands in close proximity of the Northstar manufacturing plant located in Cambridge, Ontario

The Statement of Claim seeks damages for negligence, nuisance and breach of duty in the amount of \$100,000,000.00 and punitive, aggravated and exemplary damages in the amount of \$10,000,000.00.

The Plaintiff, Linda Watson, owns a home located in close proximity to the Northstar manufacturing plant on Bishop Street North and is bringing the action under the *Class Proceedings Act*, 1992, on behalf of a Class consisting of any person or persons who own property within a three (3) mile radius of the Cambridge Plant, whose property has been contaminated with TCE.

TCE is a non-flammable, colourless, man-made chemical widely used in metal degreasing.

TCE dissolves slightly in water, however, it can remain in groundwater and/or in the ground for an extended period of time.

TCE has long been recognized as a potential carcinogen,

The Statement of Claim alleges that TCE was widely used by the Defendants in their plant and that the Defendants allowed TCE seepage and contamination of surrounding properties.

The Statement of Claim, which contains allegations which have yet to be proven in Court, alleges that readings of TCE levels indicate the existence of TCE in the subsurface and groundwater around the Cambridge plant, far in excess of acceptable standards. The Statement of Claim alleges that the surrounding public community is well-aware of the TCE contamination and that, as a result, people living within a 3 mile radius of the plant have suffered loss and damage.

The Claim is being pursued by Scarfone Hawkins ^{LLP} of Hamilton, a law firm with significant experience in handling complex class action claims on behalf of Plaintiffs.

Scarfone Hawkins ^{LLP} acted as lead counsel in successful settlement of claims against London Life Insurance Company and Canada Life Assurance Company involving “premium off-set” life insurance policies, on behalf of more than 1 Million policyholders across Canada.

Scarfone Hawkins ^{LLP} also acted in a successful class action claim against Canada Post Corporation relating to the sale of 150,000 CD-Roms that advertised “free unlimited internet access for life” but did not perform as represented; and against Bell Canada for improper long distance charges under Bell’s First Rate TM long distance plan, which resulted in recovery of \$10,000,000.00 for consumers.

Scarfone Hawkins ^{LLP} also acts in pursuing a claim against Hamilton Health Sciences Corporation and Dr. Daya relating to fertility surgery performed on many women where the hospital admits that the surgery was inappropriate and unnecessary; and on a claim against the Royal Botanical Gardens and its caterer in respect of salmonella poisoning suffered by attendees at the May 8, 2005, Mother’s Day Brunch.

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