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Dom-Meridian Construction pleads guilty to multiple counts of causing damage to a pipeline

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (Toronto, ON, July 28, 2016) – The Technical Standards and Safety Authority (TSSA) successfully prosecuted Dom-Meridian Construction for damaging multiple natural gas pipelines, an offense under [Ontario's Oil and Gas Pipeline Systems Regulation 210/01](#).

The Mississauga-based construction firm pled guilty to three counts of damaging a gas pipeline, and received fines totaling \$80,000 plus the mandatory 25 per cent victim fine surcharge, for a total penalty of \$100,000. The courts found Dom-Meridian liable for pipeline hits that occurred in Toronto on November 1, 2013 and May 14, 2014, and Barrie on August 21, 2014.

“The significant penalty levied by the court against Dom-Meridian reflects the seriousness of the offence,” said Mark Schubert, Acting Director of TSSA’s Fuels Safety Program. “The consequences of damaging a pipeline can be extremely dangerous. The possibility of explosion, serious injuries, even death, are a real risk to public safety,” added Mr. Schubert.

TSSA reminds the public that any excavation work must comply with Ontario’s safety laws, including obtaining a valid pipeline locate from the license holder or gas utility before breaking ground. Free locates can be obtained from Ontario One Call at 1-800-400-2255 or visit <http://on1call.com>.

Ontario Regulation 210/01 prohibits interfering with or damaging a pipeline and any damage and/or subsequent release of gas should be immediately reported to the Ministry of Environment’s Spills Action Centre at 1-800-268-6060 or by contacting TSSA toll-free at 1-877-682-8772.

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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