



## **20 Safety Charges Laid Against Calypso Water Park**

*TSSA launches prosecution for safety violations from 2011 and 2012*

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (Toronto, ON, July 16, 2013)** – Ontario’s public safety regulator, the Technical Standards and Safety Authority (TSSA), filed 20 safety-related charges under Section 37 of the Technical Standards and Safety Act, 2000, against Calypso Water Park in Ottawa Court.

The charges relate to a series of incidents that occurred on the Pirate’s Aquaplay, Steamer and Bobsleigh slides in 2011 and 2012, some of which resulted in serious injuries. Additionally, Calypso Water Park was charged with failing to ensure its water slides were sufficiently staffed with properly trained attendants and for operating its slides in an unsafe manner.

The charges were filed in Ottawa Court today following a year-long investigation by TSSA investigators and prosecutors who worked closely with safety engineers to review Calypso Water Park’s safety record. TSSA launched its investigation last summer following a series of media reports and public complaints about injuries sustained at Calypso Water Park. The investigation was one of the most comprehensive investigations of an amusement park TSSA has ever conducted.

The Ontario Court of Justice, located at 100 Constellation Crescent, has set August 22 at 1:30pm for the first appearance. The maximum penalty for a corporation under Section 37 of the TSS Act, 2000, is a \$1 million fine per charge.

### *About TSSA*

The Technical Standards and Safety Authority (TSSA) is Ontario’s public safety regulator dedicated to enhancing 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 includes 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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