Company Fined $55,000 for Signaler Violation at Road Project

Workers were removing asphalt to conduct work where a water main had been installed. All the workers were in front of an excavator except for one, who moved behind it to adjust pylons so traffic could safely pass in the open lane. That worker called out to the operator to stop the excavator before going behind it, but the excavator moved backward. The worker ended up under one of the excavator's tracks. His leg was crushed and had to be amputated. The MOL found that no signaler was assisting the excavator operator. The company pleaded guilty to failing to have a signaler at a construction project. The court fined it $55,000 [*Co-X-Co Construction Ltd.*, Govt. News Release, June 27, 2013].