Crane Inspection Didn't Fulfil Order's Requirements



An MOL inspector saw that a tower crane had bent structural members and appeared bowed at the base. Workers said that loud noises seemed to come from the crane's structure. So the inspector issued an order requiring the company to get the crane inspected to ensure it didn't endanger workers. The company had an engineer conduct the inspection. He issued a report saying the crane had no structural defects and could be put back in service. But the inspector refused to lift the order, saying the report didn't say the crane was safe for workers. The Labour Relations Board agreed, refusing to suspend the order based on the engineer's report [Drewlo Construction Inc. v. A Director under the OHS Act, [2012] CanLII 66865 (ON LRB), Oct. 30, 2012].