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Fine	Offender	Offence(s) (1)	2020 Filing Deadline																
\$662,102	Rio Tinto Alcan Inc. (Kitimat Plant Division)	Two aluminum smelter maintenance workers suffer injuries after getting trapped in a gas treatment centre reactor	Failure to ensure that energy-isolating devices were locked in a safe position using acceptable procedures made available to all workers required to work on the equipment (high-risk violation)	\$646,302	Teck Metals Ltd.	WorkSafeBC inspector observe worker walking through a hazardous energized equipment area without a barrier or safeguard in place	Failure to ensure equipment was fitted with adequate safeguards to ensure workers can't access hazardous points of operation (repeat and high-risk violation)	\$165,301	Shell Canada Limited	Hydrogen sulfide (H2S) release during cleaning of contaminated well tubing at natural gas well abandonment worksite results in injuries to 3 workers and one other performing rescue operations	Failure as prime contractor to (all high-risk violations): *Implement an effective detection and mitigation program for contaminated steel tubing *Conduct a risk assessment *Create written procedures or provide information to workers and subcontractors about potential H2S release *Analyze risks related to potential release of gases	\$159,811	Tsetsaut Ventures Ltd.	New worker in a machine shop killed was inflating a tire on a rim assembly when the rim assembly blew apart. Worker killed by flying debris	Failure to: *Have adequate OHS program *Have safe operating procedures for rim assembly *Ensure worker received site orientation or new worker training *Ensure workers were aware of health and safety hazards *Ensure workers received adequate health and safety information, instruction, training and supervision *Have a workplace JHSC	\$126,226	Craftsman Collision (1981) Ltd.	WorkSafeBC inspector observes worker using a tight-fitting respirator while sanding a vehicle who isn't clean-shaven	*Failure to ensure workers were clean-shaven to create an effective seal between respirator and face (repeat violation)

Note:

(1) All defendants charged as employers unless otherwise indicated