

Two Companies Fined \$65,000 for Fatal Collapse of Catwalk



A company co-owner who was also the on-site supervisor was one of three workers hired to do repair work at a mill. The workers fell about 35 feet to a concrete floor when a wooden catwalk they were using to reach part of a ceiling gave way. The co-owner/supervisor died; the other two workers were badly injured. The mill pleaded guilty to a safety offence and was fined \$60,000. The company pleaded guilty to failing to ensure that workers complied with fall protection requirements and was fined \$5,000 [*Val Landry & Son (Roofing and Sheet Metal Working) Ltd. and AV Cell Inc.*, Govt. News Release, Nov. 26, 2013].