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Big Valley Jamboree 2009 stage collapse leads to charges

Edmonton... A total of 33 charges have been laid against three companies related to the 2009 stage collapse at the Big Valley Jamboree in Camrose.

Premier Global Production Company Inc., 1073732 Alberta Ltd., and Panhandle Productions Ltd. face charges under the Occupational Health and Safety Act. The charges follow a provincial government investigation into an August 1, 2009 incident at the Big Valley Jamboree when the main stage collapsed during a wind storm. Several workers were injured and one spectator died.

Premier Global Production Company Inc. and Panhandle Productions Ltd. each face six counts of failing to ensure the health and safety of their workers on site, and six additional counts of failing to ensure the health and safety of other workers present.

1073732 Alberta Ltd., being a contractor directing the activities of Premier Global Production Company Ltd., faces six counts of failing to ensure that the employer complied with the OHS Act.

In addition, Premier Global Production Company Inc. is charged with:

- Failing to ensure that equipment was of sufficient size, strength, design and made of suitable materials to withstand stresses imposed on it during its operation and to perform the function for which it is intended or designed.
- Failing to ensure rigging was not subjected to a load of more than 20 per cent of the ultimate breaking strength of the weakest part of the rigging unless the manufacturer has fatigue rated the rigging in accordance with standards.

Also, Panhandle Productions Ltd, as the prime contractor of a work site, is charged with failing to ensure that the OHS Act was complied with at the work site.

The first court appearance for all three companies will be September 28, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. in Camrose Provincial Court. The maximum penalty for a first offence under the Occupational Health and Safety Act is \$500,000 and/or six months in prison for each charge. For more information on workplace health and safety in Alberta call 1-866-415-8690 toll-free, 780-415-8690 in Edmonton, or visit employment.alberta.ca/ohs.

Inspection of the 2011 Big Valley Jamboree work site resulted in no compliance issues.

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