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***\$100 MILLION CLASS ACTION LAWSUIT LAUNCHED AGAINST TORONTO  
HYDRO-ELECTRIC SYSTEM LTD. AS A RESULT OF THE APARTMENT  
BUILDING EXPLOSION AT 2 SECORD AVENUE, TORONTO***

**TORONTO (September 4, 2008)** – A class action has been commenced on behalf of all residents of 2 Secord Avenue, Toronto as a result of the July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2008 explosion on the premises.

Residents of the building at 2 Secord Avenue were evacuated and many have been unable to return to their apartments as a result of the extensive damage caused by the explosion.

The plaintiffs allege that the defendant is liable for causing the explosion. As a result of the explosion, the residents were displaced and have incurred damages. Many of the residents are unable to return to their units due to extensive smoke and soot damage.

The plaintiffs are represented by Ted Charney of Falconer Charney LLP, Glyn Hotz of Hotz Lawyers and Harvey T. Strosberg Q.C., of Sutts, Strosberg LLP.

Mr. Charney stated “Despite statements that tenants can return to their units, the fact is that most of the units remain uninhabitable because of smoke and soot damage. This lawsuit is intended to compensate residents for damages to their contents and the cost incurred for additional living expenses while they remain displaced.”

Harvey T. Strosberg is one of Canada’s leading counsel in class action lawsuits. He was one of the lead counsel in the Hepatitis-C class action against the federal government that resulted in a settlement of \$1.1 billion – the largest in Canada’s history. He was one of the lead negotiators of a groundbreaking settlement for compensation from the Ontario government for Walkerton residents as a result of the E. coli contaminated water problem in May 2000.

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