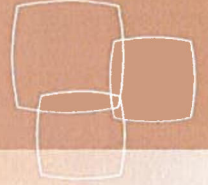




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Alberta Man to Stand Trial for Breach of Consent Agreement

The Alberta Provincial Criminal Court has ordered Matthew Hovila, of Edmonton, Alberta, Director of Strategic Ecomm Inc. and MSH Investments Inc., to stand trial on criminal charges regarding the making of materially false or misleading representations, the contravention of a registered consent agreement, the possession of property obtained by crime, and laundering the proceeds of crime.

Mr. Hovila and his company, Strategic Ecomm Inc., entered into a [consent agreement](#) in 2006 regarding the making of false or misleading representations relating to an alleged online job opportunities scam and paid a \$100,000 administrative monetary penalty.

A trial date will be set at the arraignment hearing before the Alberta Provincial Criminal Court on August 3, 2012.

Sixth Individual Charged in Ventilation Bid-rigging Scheme in Montreal

On June 6, 2012, Mr. Yves Rousseau was charged with bid-rigging for his alleged role in rigging bids for a private sector ventilation contract for a residential high-rise building in the Montreal area. At the time of the alleged offense, Mr. Rousseau was vice-president of Ventilex Inc.

Charges were laid on December 21, 2010, against five individuals and eight companies, including Ventilex Inc. In July 2011, one of the companies charged, Les Entreprises Promécanic Ltée, [pleaded guilty](#) to three counts of bid-rigging and was fined \$425,000.

An investigation by the Bureau found evidence that in five competitive bidding processes between 2003 and 2005, several companies specializing in ventilation, air conditioning and heating services secretly coordinated their bids in order to pre-determine the winners of the contracts. For additional information about the investigation, please see the Bureau's [announcement](#) at the time charges were laid in 2010.

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