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1382221 Ontario Limited operating as
Great Lakes Technical Training
6555 Malden Road, Unit #9
LaSalle, Ontario
M9H 1T5

Attention: D.M. Vollmer, President

Dear Ms. Vollmer:

Re: Notice of Restraining Order under clause 46 (1) of the *Private Career Colleges Act, 2005*

For the reasons set out in Schedule A, attached, I am of the view that 1382221 Ontario Limited operating as Great Lakes Technical Training ("Great Lakes Technical Training") is not operating in compliance with the *Private Career Colleges Act 2005* ("Act").

Restraining Order

Pursuant to subsection 46(1) of the *Private Career Colleges Act, 2005*, I am directing D.M. Vollmer, President of 1382221 Ontario Limited and 1382221 Ontario Limited operating as Great Lakes Technical Training **to immediately** cease and desist:

- Operating as an unregistered private career college, Great Lakes Technical Training at 6555 Malden Road, Unit 9, LaSalle, Ontario, N9H 1T5 or at any other location;
- Offering and taking applications for unapproved vocational programs including but not exclusively, Gas Technician 2 and Gas Technician 3;
- Enrolling students and accepting any payments from students or prospective students in unapproved vocational programs;
- Distributing any promotional program information or website advertisements, in whatever form, that use statements that mislead, or are likely to mislead, the public for the purpose of inducing a student or prospective student to enroll in an unapproved vocational program or to enter into a contract with a private career college.

Contraventions of the *Private Career Colleges Act, 2005*

Pursuant to subsection 46(1) of the *Private Career Colleges Act, 2005*, I am directing D.M. Vollmer, President of 1382221 Ontario Limited and 1382221 Ontario Limited operating as Great Lakes Technical Training to **immediately** comply with the legislation and to deliver to me **by registered mail or courier and by no later than Wednesday, March 18, 2009** a written confirmation and evidence that:

- a. Great Lakes Technical Training at Unit 9, 6555 Malden Road, LaSalle, Ontario M9H 1T5 or any other location is no longer in operation;
- b. Great Lakes Technical Training has ceased delivering or holding itself out as delivering vocational programs;
- c. Great Lakes Technical Training has ceased soliciting or accepting applications from students for vocational programs;
- d. Great Lakes Technical Training does not hold, directly or indirectly, any monies owing to current, former or prospective students with or without contracts;
- e. Great Lakes Technical Training has ceased all related activities, including advertising in any media;
- f. Great Lakes Technical Training's application for Registration of a Private Career College, will be delivered to the Ministry by **March 31, 2009**;

And setting out:

- d. the names and addresses of all current and former Great Lakes Technical Training students;
- e. the location of all Great Lakes Technical Training student files;
- f. a date and time that all files will be made available forthwith to Ministry staff for review; and
- g. an explanation of the offering of and delivery of vocational programs prior to approval by the Ministry and after communication from the Ministry wherein Great Lakes Technical Training was required to register.

Letters to the Superintendent must be sent by registered mail or courier to the address above.

Failure to Comply with the *Private Career Colleges Act, 2005*

Failure to comply with a requirement of this Order will put Great Lakes Technical Training in further violation of the *PCCA, 2005*. If that occurs, I will be forced to consider further enforcement steps, including any one or more of the following: obtaining a court order under section 47 of the Act for compliance; or prosecuting Great Lakes Technical Training under section 48 of the Act for the offence of failing to comply with my Order, the *Private Career Colleges Act, 2005* and its regulations.

Note that a corporation that is found guilty of an offence under section 48 of the Act is subject to a fine of up to \$100,000, and any officer or director of a corporation who concurs in the commission of such an offence is also guilty of an offence, and on conviction subject to a fine of up to \$25,000 or imprisonment for a term of up to one year, or both.

Note that if fees are collected from students in an unapproved program, the students will have the right to a full refund of those fees regardless of whether your institution has delivered the training.

The legislation applicable to this Order is the *Private Career Colleges Act, 2005* and Ontario Regulation 415/06 made thereunder. The legislation and regulation is available at www.e-laws.gov.on.ca.

In the event that you are unable to access any relevant information on e-laws, you may contact Margot Devlin at 416-314-0500 to request that copies of the relevant legislation be sent to you if you have questions regarding this Order.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY

Shamira Madhany
Superintendent
Private Career Colleges

Attachments: Schedule A – Reasons for Decision

Schedule A – Reasons for Decision

Facts in support of Restraining Order

Pre-Screening

On February 21, 2005, [REDACTED], Director of Training, from Great Lakes Technical Training pre-screened their Gas Technician 1, 2 and 3 programs. The pre-screening form indicated that the programs were post-secondary and 480 and 800 hours in duration.

Required to Register

On March 14, 2005, the Ministry wrote to [REDACTED] at Great Lakes Technical Training in response to his pre-screening submission, received February 24, 2005, for the TSSA Gas Technician Training program (levels G1, G2, G3) 2 (G2) and advised that this was a vocational program and Great Lakes Technical Training was required to submit an application to register a private career college.

There was no response to the March 14, 2005 letter from the Ministry. Great Lakes Technical Training did not apply for registration as a Private Career College as required by the Ministry.

Contravention of s. 7 and 8 of the *Private Career Colleges Act, 2005*:

On June 19, 2008, the Ministry wrote to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] at Great Lakes Technical Training after noting that they were listed as training providers on the Technical Standards and Safety Authority (“TSSA”) website. The Ministry advised that Great Lakes Technical Training was offering vocational programs (Gas Technician 2 and Gas Technician 3) and was required to submit an application to register a private career college.

In the Ministry’s letter of June 19, 2008, Great Lakes Technical Training was advised that until such time as it was registered and its programs were approved, it is a violation under Sections 7, 8 and 11 of the *Private Career Colleges Act, 2005* to deliver or advertise the delivery of vocational program(s). An institution cannot charge or collect a fee in relation to a vocational program until the registration and program approval process is complete under Section 9 of the Act. Great Lakes Technical Training was requested on June 19, 2008, to advise the Ministry by July 7, 2008 as to whether or not an application for registration was to be submitted.

On July 5, 2008, [REDACTED] emailed the Ministry to advise that he had downloaded the information and the form as it was his intention to submit the application for registration as a private career college.

Great Lakes Technical Training did not apply for registration as a Private Career College as required by the Ministry.

During the week ended August 29, 2008, Ministry staff contacted Great Lakes Technical Training and spoke to [REDACTED]. He advised Ministry staff that he was 65% of the way through completing the application but he was waiting for his Pro Forma financial statement. He stated that he would submit the application as soon as possible.

Despite Ministry communications of March 14, 2005, June 19, 2008 and on or about August 29, 2008, Great Lakes Technical Training has not submitted an application to Register as a Private Career College.

On February 17, 2009, the Ministry requested TSSA's cooperation in removing Great Lakes Technical Training from their website list of training providers for the Gas Technician programs (all levels).

Ministry staff found, that as late as February 22, 2009, Great Lakes Technical Training have continued to advertise (on their website www.greatlakestt.com) vocational programs (G2 Technician 2 and G2 Technician) leading to careers in recognized vocations and thus remain in contravention of s. 7 and 8 of the *Private Career Colleges Act, 2005*.