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Motor Dealer Council of British Columbia

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Mercedes Dealer Fined \$10,000

BURNABY, B.C. (21 February, 2006) - The Registrar of Motor Dealers has fined Three Point Motors Ltd. of Victoria \$5,000 for failure to ensure that all salespeople are properly licensed in a timely fashion, and a further \$5,000 for the failure of the dealership General Manager, Peter Trzewik, to appear at a scheduled February 15 hearing.

The fines relate to Three Point Motors in Victoria, a Mercedes-Benz and Smart Car dealer. The firm also operates in Nanaimo, selling Mercedes and Subaru vehicles.

In the ruling, the Registrar, Ken Smith, noted that among the non-licensed offenders at Three Point Motors was Peter Trzewik, himself. Since June, 2004, it has been mandatory that all salespeople become licensed, and also that they take a two-day certification course. This includes any "dealer principals" or General Managers who engage in sales or related consumer contractual matters. Mr. Trzewik finally took the course in January 2006, but, as of this date, is still not fully licensed.

Mr. Smith noted that a "long protracted series of halfhearted efforts" in terms of salesperson licensing at this dealership led to a November 22, 2005, hearing. By mutual agreement, the proceedings were adjourned until February 15, 2006 by which time Mr. Trzewik gave assurance that he and all staff would be in full compliance. On the eve of this hearing, the Motor Dealer Council was notified that Mr. Trzewik would be out of the country. No representative was sent in his place.

The fines must be paid by February 28. The hearing has been adjourned until March 21 at which time all issues will be reviewed. Legislation provides for fines of up to \$200,000 and the suspension or cancellation of dealer licenses.

The Motor Dealer Council is an administrative authority established pursuant to the laws of British Columbia and has been delegated the responsibility of administering the Motor Dealer Act and related regulations, as well as other statutes as they relate to motor vehicle sales to consumers.

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