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MADIGAN: COMPANIES INVOLVED IN ILLEGAL DEMOLITION WILL FUND CLEANUP OF FLY-DUMPS

Chicago — Attorney General Lisa Madigan today announced that two Jacksonville companies will each pay a civil penalty and provide labor and hauling to clean up sites where fly-dumping has occurred in central Illinois.

A consent order entered August 2 in Morgan County Circuit Court assessed a civil penalty of \$2,000 each against defendants K.E. Vas Company and Moeller Enterprises, Inc. In December 2005, Madigan filed suit charging the companies with waste disposal and demolition debris violations after they illegally dumped four tractor-trailer loads of debris from the demolition of the old Motel 6 on West Morton Avenue at a farm instead of a landfill. Madigan said the companies subsequently removed the debris and properly disposed of it at a licensed landfill according to an Illinois Environmental Protection Agency inspection.

Madigan said K.E. Vas and Moeller Enterprises also have agreed to donate labor and the use of equipment valued at \$12,000 to remove and haul to licensed landfills wastes from so-called orphan dumps in central Illinois. These dumps are typically the result of illegal waste disposal, sometimes referred to as "fly-dumping," on private property and city or county-owned land. In many cases, owners of the land where fly-dumping has occurred either cannot be located or cannot afford the cost of cleanup.

Assistant Attorney General Kristen Laughridge Gale is handling the case for Madigan's Environmental Bureau.

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