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OTTAWA, March 4 /CNW Telbec/ - The MOE announced today they are siding with Dr. Gideon Forman of the Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment (CAPE) and are banning thousands of jobs in Ontario's lawncare industry. CAPE has been linked to fake medical reports and individuals posing as medical doctors surrounding the support for Ontario's Cosmetic Pesticide Ban Act, 2008.

M-REP Communications on behalf of thousands of workers, whose jobs are now at risk, provided documents countering the government's stance on the lawncare industry. Jeffrey Lowes of M-REP stated "the Government clearly did not exercise any discretion or due diligence on this file. Every medical report or claim made by activists could not be supported by fact. In most cases fabricated information was used." Lowes went further to state "we are currently looking into the millions of dollars paid to activists through the Trillium Foundation and we have our concerns over large sums of money transferred directly to some groups and individuals with direct ties to the Minister's office."

Ontario's Lawncare Industry is over \$1.26 billion a year, with \$577 million spent on equipment and wages. There are 21000 full time employees whose jobs are now at risk.

Overall the act was not based on science and Ontario will lose jobs over the Government's position. The Industry is left with little choice but to exercise every possible legal option and take civil action against groups who facilitated one of the largest frauds in Canadian history.

Given the questionable nature of information used by the Ontario Government, we will be seeking an injunction against the Cosmetic Pesticide Ban Act, 2008 (C-64) if the government goes through with the ban. Our injunction will only cover the sections of the Act that impede the Lawncare industry.

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