

Press Statement by UPL South Africa
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UPL SOUTH AFRICA TO OPPOSE CERTIFICATION OF CLASS ACTION

[Durban, July 12, 2024] UPL South Africa has been served with an application for the certification of a class action law suit arising from the 2021 Cornubia arson attack. UPL South Africa intends to oppose the application.

During the July 2021 violent unrest that affected most of KwaZulu-Natal and other parts of South Africa, a leased warehouse in Cornubia was attacked and set alight. This led to the products stored in the warehouse escaping into the surrounding environment. UPL South Africa denies that it is liable for damages which any claimants may have suffered whether based on statute or in delict.

Since the incident, UPL South Africa has worked proactively with the local, provincial and national authorities to address the incident. This includes extensive monitoring and rehabilitation of the affected areas. Significant progress has been made in addressing the results of the arson attack and spill. The results of regular testing have shown, for some time now, that the Ohlanga River, its tributary and estuary, as well as the beach exclusion zone pose no threat to human health or the environment as a result of the fire and the spill.

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For editors: UPL is a leading international provider of sustainable agricultural solutions and services. Please note that the company's name is UPL South Africa and not United Phosphorous Limited.

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