



Media Statement

EPSA is the peak body for manufacturers of expanded polystyrene (EPS) in Australia.

Our sympathies go out to those impacted by the devastating building fire in the United Kingdom.

There have been some media reports suggesting polyurethane, polystyrene and even polyester was used in connection with this tragic event. This is not the case.

The manufacturer of the cladding used on the Grenfell Tower, Arconic has confirmed the product used was Reynobond PE and they have withdrawn this product from sale.

The companies' statement with regard to the withdrawal from sale of Reynobond PE can be found here:

https://www.arconic.com/global/en/news/news_detail.asp?pageID=20170626000415en&newsYear=2017

Details about Reynobond PE can be found here:

https://www.arconic.com/aap/north_america/en/product.asp?cat_id=915&prod_id=1534

In simple terms, Reynobond PE contains a polyethylene core between two aluminium sheets, which has limited fire retardant qualities.

The polyethylene referred to in the reports bears no relationship to the EPS product manufactured by EPSA members.

Further, EPSA requires members to use flame retardant material in all expanded EPS products manufactured for the building industry.

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