

COMPANY STATEMENT

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James Hardie expresses condolences to Bernie Banton's family

James Hardie expresses its condolences to the family of Mr Bernie Banton, following his death today.

Mr Banton was employed by former James Hardie subsidiary, Amaca, as part of the Hardie BI joint venture, at a factory at Camellia, NSW from 1968 to 1974.

The company acknowledges the significant contribution Mr Banton made to raising awareness of asbestos-related diseases in Australia, and his role in the eventual implementation of the Final Funding Agreement to compensate Australians with asbestos-related personal injury claims.

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