



## **Statement of Support to the Independent Community Consumer Protection Institute (LPKSM) and the Yasa Nata Budi Foundation in Indonesia and INABAN members in the face of asbestos industry attacks in Indonesia**

We the members present at the SE Asia Ban Asbestos Network meeting held in Kuala Lumpur 19-20th November 2024, from 8 South East Asian countries declare full support for the member organisations and individuals of INABAN Indonesia, who this year won their Indonesian Supreme Court bid to have asbestos containing materials labelled with health warnings, but now face huge damages case from the asbestos industry.

Organisations and individuals that submitted the successful case to the Supreme Court, have been subjected to court action from Indonesian asbestos manufacturers, angry with the Supreme Court decision, seeking these massive damages.

Asbestos is the deadliest industrial killer of all time and the next generation of its victims will be in the Asian markets as all other regions have either banned its use or don't use it extensively.

Indonesia is ranked as the world's third-largest importer and the largest in Southeast Asia.

We deplore the Fibre Cement Manufacturers' Association (FICMA) action against consumer protection organisation in demanding massive damages from this successful Supreme Court action.

We believe the industry case isn't based on a legitimate legal argument or scientific peer reviewed evidence. It is a classic SLAPP – a Strategic Lawsuit Against Public Participation – by vested interests to discourage any criticism or controls.

According to WHO and ILO more that 209,000 workers are dying each year due to asbestos related diseases like lung cancer and mesothelioma. We call on all SE Asian countries to ban asbestos import and use as soon as possible.

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