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**The NZDAA and FAMANZ announces the signing of a new MOU cementing a pledge to work together to improve outcomes for Asbestos Management and Remediation in New Zealand.**

The New Zealand Demolition and Asbestos Association (NZDAA) and the Faculty of Asbestos Management of Australia and New Zealand (FAMANZ) are pleased to announce the signing of a memorandum of understanding (MOU) to collaborate and share information.

The agreement allows for improved coordination for both the NZDAA and FAMANZ and encourages members to learn from each other and exchange best practice creating benefits by increasing the industry's performance. It also allows for respective members to access mutual benefits and provides a platform for consultation and collaboration between the two organisations on specific initiatives.

The MOU will foster a productive and more connected Asbestos Industry, facilitating innovation, cooperation and be a mechanism for long term, sustainable growth.

"We are excited to take this first step with FAMANZ and the opportunity to leverage the resources, strengths, and knowledge of both organisations that will provide better outcomes for the Asbestos Industry, our members, stakeholders and the wider community. Both organisations have a wealth of expertise, FAMANZ and NZDAA members represent all sectors of the Asbestos Industry, and FAMANZ is respected for their commitment to innovation, and quality, so they are an ideal partner for our Association to work with" says Helina Stil, President of the NZDAA.

"We are looking forward to working with NZDAA to share and increase knowledge and improve health outcomes for all stakeholders. FAMANZ have members across Australia and New Zealand and have the ability to draw on a wide range of expertise to upskill members. We are pleased we can share this knowledge more freely with NZDAA now we have the MoU in place" says Bridgette Jennings, Chairperson of the FAMANZ.

### **About the NZDAA:**

The NZDAA was established to maintain and extend the interests of the professional Demolition and Asbestos Industry throughout New Zealand. Its principals are to promote; through leadership; excellent commercial health, safety, environmental and quality performance for better outcomes for workers, businesses, and the community. NZDAA membership comprises of over 80 businesses from all sectors of the demolition and asbestos industry, servicing all regions of New Zealand. Members represent more than \$600 million of collective turnover, and nearly 1,000 full-time jobs.

### **About FAMANZ:**

FAMANZ was established to connect all members of the asbestos industry in Australia and New Zealand to share and learn from our shared experiences, especially given our similar Regulations. FAMANZ members encompass occupational hygienists, environmental consultants, asbestos removal contractors, building managers, Regulators (WHS and EPA), demolition contractors, waste handling contractors, industry suppliers, and allied industry members. FAMANZ is a full member of HASANZ (Health and Safety Association of New Zealand).