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## **James Hardie to Defend Class Action**

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**James Hardie Industries plc** has been notified that a group proceeding has been filed in The Supreme Court of Victoria, which names James Hardie Industries plc (James Hardie) as the defendant.

The proceeding is said to be brought on behalf of persons who acquired between 7 February 2022 and 7 November 2022 (inclusive) an interest in certain James Hardie securities.

The proceeding includes allegations that James Hardie breached relevant provisions of the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth) and the Australian and Securities Investment Act 2001 (Cth), including with respect to certain forward-looking statements James Hardie made about forecasted financial performance measures during the period described above.

James Hardie considers that it has at all times complied with its disclosure obligations, denies any liability and will vigorously defend the proceedings.

### **Forward-Looking Statements**

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This media release has been authorized by Mr. Aaron Erter, Chief Executive Officer.

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