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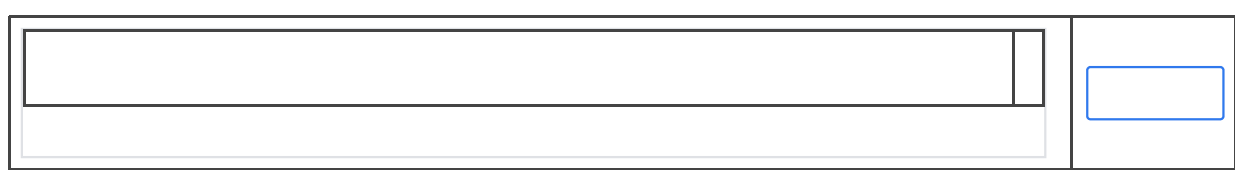


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Neighbours of the Lafarge Canada cement plant in Exshaw, near Canmore, have recently filed a legal class action against the facility, claiming that they are being bombarded with carcinogenic dust and noise. According to the plaintiffs from the surrounding areas, the plant has been a source of annoyance for several years, but problems have intensified since its expansion in 2016. The residents complain of huge clouds of cement dust regularly leaving the plant and covering nearby properties. They also report severe odours and claim that daily blasts from the plant's mining operations cause their homes to shake violently. Additionally, they contend that property values have been negatively affected.

The lead plaintiff, who lives less than 1 km from the plant, cited the excessive dust as the main reason she no longer resides there. The law firm representing the plaintiffs, Napoli Shkolnik Canada, argues that the plant's emissions are not only harmful but also misleadingly downplayed by Lafarge. They are seeking punitive damages to compensate for the impact on residents and to hold Lafarge accountable for their allegedly misleading statements.

Lafarge Canada, the company behind the cement plant, asserts on its website that it follows sustainable development principles and continuously strives to improve its environmental performance. They claim to adhere to air quality regulations and have invested millions of dollars to reduce carbon emissions. However, the plaintiffs argue that the plant's operations are beyond what is reasonable for nearby residents, leading to an unreasonable nuisance.





communities. The case highlights the need for greater transparency and accountability from companies in the industrial sector.

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