Renex Group
109-131 Ordish Rd, Dandenong Sth VIC 3175
t. +61 3 8787 0444 f. +61 3 9768 3586
info@renexgroup.com renexgroup.com

MEDIA RELEASE | FOR IMMEDIATE DISTRIBUTION

Renex Resolves Historic EPA Proceedings, Confirms Licensing Position and Strengthens Compliance Systems

Melbourne, 14 September 2026

Renex is pleased to announce the successful resolution of Supreme Court proceedings brought by the EPA Victoria, following mediation on 10 April 2026 and subsequently, a final penalty decision by Her Honour Justice Quigley on 2 September 2026.

As part of the settlement, EPA agreed not to proceed with most of the allegations, including all allegations against the Renex CEO and also an original allegation that Renex did not hold appropriate approvals to carry out asbestos abatement works.

For commercial reasons, Renex agreed to two of the allegations relating to breach of the waste transport duty pertaining to two isolated and historic incidents that occurred in early 2024 and early 2025. The incidents relate to transport duties associated with fill material that contained a number of asbestos pieces following abatement.

The contraventions related to procedural shortcomings involving asbestos-abatement oversight, stockpile segregation, and recordkeeping about the destination of the fill material.

Renex acknowledges the Court's orders and the shortcomings in its procedures at the relevant time. However, it is important to recognise that:

- the business operating today is not the same business that existed at the time of those historical events. Since the incidents, Renex has undertaken a comprehensive review of its systems, engaged independent experts and has already implemented and operating under significant procedural enhancements across its operations.
- the Court ordered Renex to pay a restorative project contribution of $340,000 but also ordered the EPA to pay Renex costs in the agreed sum of $500,000 because of EPA’s unsuccessful attempt to obtain interim injunction orders against Renex’s operations prior to the matter being settled.

A Strong Outcome

Importantly, following the interim decision of the Court on the injunction application and as part of the mediation, the EPA decided not proceed with the majority of its original allegations against Renex (including the allegation that Renex did not hold appropriate approvals to abate asbestos), and all allegations against Renex's CEO, were discontinued.

The proceedings also provide important clarity regarding Renex's operations. The EPA has confirmed that Renex is appropriately licensed to receive soils containing asbestos and to treat them in accordance with its Operating Licence conditions.

The Court also recognised that:

- No actual harm to human health or the environment resulted from the incidents.
- The conduct was not deliberate or intentional.
- Renex had environmental management systems and procedures in place at the time.
- Renex had no previous history of contravening EPA civil penalty provisions.
- Renex cooperated with the EPA and implemented enhanced compliance measures.

Renex Licences and Systems Are Sound

Renex operates under EPA Operating Licence OL000127068 and Registration R000311683, authorising the receipt, treatment and management of a broad range of industrial waste streams, including contaminated soils and for a variety of treatment methods to be used including thermal treatment and other physical treatment.

Renex's risk management systems recently passed a Major Industry Assessment by the EPA and have been independently audited by an EPA appointed auditor and signed off.

Renex remains one of Australia's (and Victoria's) few specialist facilities capable of managing complex contaminated waste streams while supporting resource recovery and landfill diversion outcomes. Renex remains committed to continuous improvement, regulatory compliance, and delivering safe, responsible environmental services for the Victorian community.

About Renex

Managing contaminated soils and other hazardous waste requires specialist infrastructure, technical expertise and strong environmental controls. At its purpose built Dandenong South facility, Renex specialises in treating complex contaminated soils and industrial wastes, including solids, sludges and liquids.

Its treatment capabilities extend across contaminants including PFAS, asbestos, hydrocarbons, PAHs, PCBs, pesticides, other persistent organic contaminants and heavy metals, with the facility designed to accommodate both large-scale remediation projects and multiple projects simultaneously.

At the heart of the operation is Renex's proprietary pyrolysis technology, which is highly energy efficient and powered by the contamination itself. Renex does not own any landfills, which allows it to simply focus on transforming hazardous waste into things of value and helping Renex's clients make a difference.

Media Enquiries

Media & Investor Relations | 03 8787 0444 | info@renexgroup.com

Ends