



Sunrise Propane class action lawsuit gets go-ahead from courts

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Smoke rises into the air following the Sunrise Propane explosion in the early morning of Aug. 10, 2008.

TORONTO - The Sunrise Propane class action lawsuit has been certified by the courts.

The action stems from the explosion at the company's distribution plant on Murray Rd. in Downsview on Aug. 10, 2008.

"The court determined that the matter can proceed through the courts as a class action which is a critical step in obtaining justice for the many innocent victims of this tragedy," said lawyer Harvin Pitch with Stevenson law firm.

The explosion forced about 12,500 to evacuate their homes and caused more than \$25 million in property damage.

To date about 2,000 people have joined the class action lawsuit.

“We are determined to obtain justice for those whose lives were altered by this terrible event,” said lawyer Theodore Charney with the law firm Falconer Charney.

“We believe the ruling brings us closer to resolving this matter.”

Charney says the lawsuit will be in the range of \$50 million and the hope is to have the case settled this year.

The certification order which was granted on Tuesday is against Sunrise Propane, the Technical Standards and Safety Authority and a number of suppliers to Sunrise.

“In order to ensure that class members are kept up to date on developments in the class action as well as determining the value of a class member’s claim it is important to register with class counsel at www.sunrisepropaneclassaction.com,” said lawyer Richard Bogoroch with the law firm Bogoroch and Associates.