



Crawford updating clients after Chile wildfire

Our operations in Chile and neighbouring South American countries have updated clients and stakeholders today on activities following wildfires in the region.

Corporación Nacional Forestal (CONAF) has reported that, of the total wildfires at a national level as at 30 January, 50 have been controlled, 61 are being fought and eight have been extinguished.

Sadly there have been 11 fatalities as a result of the fires, with 1,151 people in shelters and 1,025 homes destroyed.

Kieran Rigby, CEO Europe and Latin America at Crawford & Company[®], said: "Crawford[®] has received a range of claims from different insureds, including a variety of international clients. Our teams in South America have joined forces where necessary, with adjusters from neighbouring Columbia and Argentina on call should the situation escalate."

The estimated affected surface area has decreased to 400,000 hectares, 100,000 of which are pine and eucalyptus plantations for pulp manufacturing.

"The affected companies in the region estimate their losses could be significant but insurance coverage could be a problem due to the high deductibles and the number of events," adds Kieran. "As a result, our adjusters will work closely with insureds and the (re)insurance market to ascertain next steps as the region recovers."

If you have claims that require our attention or need more information on this event, please contact any of the Crawford[®] team members listed.

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