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High fire in Milan

EUMEPS the European EPS Association expresses deep sympathies to all those affected by this tragic fire, one of the biggest fires ever seen in Milan. We also express our admiration for the way the firefighters managed, through their immediate effective intervention, to prevent any injuries or deaths.

It is too early to fully understand and conclude on the cause of this incident, and we do not wish to speculate. The formal investigation will provide clarity on responsibilities and on the causes of the fire.

Meanwhile we noticed that some publications and social media posts have suggested that polystyrene insulation was involved in this fire. To the best of our knowledge polystyrene materials had no impact on the fire. The building had a well-known external system with an Aluminum Composite Cladding and a non-combustible insulation material.

EUMEPS has no further comments on the fire but would instead refer to the producer of the external cladding system in the building to bring light on the matter.

Our Italian association AIPE has published an updated statement (in Italian) on 9 September:
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