## Loss Bulletin



Vero Equipment Breakdown Insurance

## Failure of a copper pipe causes loss of refrigerant

## Loss details

Nature of business Commercial strata (office building)

**Type of equipment**Main air-conditioning plant

**Age of equipment** 35 years

At the beginning of summer, the building's maintenance team was alerted by an alarm signalling a refrigerant gas leak. When they visited the premises, they found the plant room completely full of refrigerant gas and unsafe to enter.

The copper pressure equalisation line on Compressor No. 2 had suffered a catastrophic failure. As a result, the system had lost its complete charge of R22 refrigerant gas.

The failed pipe was replaced and the system was recharged with refrigerant, before being returned to service. The cause of the fault remains a mystery.

## Final loss

Settlement amount \$164,000



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