

# Advance ZincTek Ltd Market Update

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# Federal Court Action - Veganic SKN Ltd

The proceedings commenced by Veganic SKN Ltd allege that Cancer Council Australia has and continues to engage in misleading conduct in respect of the Chemical UV filters contained in the kids and family sunscreens that it sells and promotes. In particular, 4-MBC (banned in 28 countries) and Homosalate (about to be added to poisons list).

At this stage, ANO is not planning to join the proceedings.

# 21 Sunscreens Recalled Possibly Due to Inferior Active Ingredients

## Sunscreen wars: Breaking down the furore Choice created over SPF brands

On Monday evening, consumer advocacy group Choice poured oil on a fire it picked with some of Australia's most popular and reputable sunscreen brands.

Choice released the lab results of its contentious sunscreen tests, which last Thursday claimed the likes of Ultra Violette, Cancer Council, Bondi Sands and Banana Boat had failed to meet sun protection factor (SPF) rating claims of 50 or higher. The founders of Ultra Violette – the popular brand that earned the lowest score of 4 – responded that the results were not “even remotely accurate” and issued an eight-minute video on Instagram meticulously debunking Choice’s testing methodology.

**The Sydney Morning Herald**

Ironmonger, L., Yin, C., & Yun, J. (2025, June 17). *Sunscreen wars: Breaking down the furore Choice created over SPF brands*. Sydney Morning Herald.

## More sunscreens pulled from shelves amid concerns SPF may be as low as four

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SPF testing showed Ultra Violette Lean Screen SPF 50+ Mattifying Zinc Skinscreen did not meet its SPF claims, with results as low as four.

**7 NEWS**

Hung, D. (2025, October 1). *More sunscreens pulled from shelves amid concerns SPF may be as low as four*. 7 News.

## TGA recalls two more Australian sunscreens over suspect SPF claims

Two more sunscreens have joined the growing list of products pulled from shelves by Australia's medicines watchdog amid fresh SPF fail fears.

The Therapeutic Goods Administration pulled Outside Beauty and Skincare's SPF 50+ Mineral Primer and Salus Body & Spa's SPF 50+ Daily Facial Sunscreen from shelves on Monday.

A TGA investigation found the sunscreens' base formula unlikely had a greater SPF than 21 and was the same base formula used in other products pulled from Australian shelves.

**news**  
.com.au

Kirk, E. (2025, October 21). *TGA recalls two more Australian sunscreens over suspect SPF claims*. News.com.au.

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IMPORTED FROM	ZINC OXIDE MONOGRAPH REQUIREMENTS/SPECIFICATIONS OF BRITISH PHARMACOPEIA (BP) 2024	Not Compliant with Monographs (BP/ USP)		
		COA SPECIFICATIONS	ZINC OXIDE MONOGRAPH REQUIREMENTS/ SPECIFICATIONS OF USP NF	COA SPECIFICATIONS
India	Thallium Limit: Max 5ppm Cadmium Limit: Max 5ppm Lead Limit: Max 10ppm	Thallium Limit: Missing Cadmium Limit: Max 10ppm Lead Limit: NMT 50ppm	Not tested in the scope of USP NF	
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# Recent UV Filter Developments

UV Filter	Australian Limit (140ml per a day)	EU Limit (18g per a day)	FDA
4-MBC *	4%	BANNED MAY 1 <sup>ST</sup> 2025	BANNED
Homosalate	15%	0.5%	10%
Oxyzone	10%	2.2%	6%

**Homosalate = 240 times greater exposure for Australians vs EU. Maximum**

"Evidence suggests **potential endocrine disruption and carcinogenicity** at higher concentrations." – European Union

"The use of BP-3 as a UV-filter up to a maximum concentration of 6% in sunscreen products, either in the form of body cream, sunscreen propellant spray or pump spray, **is not safe for the consumer.**" – European Union

\*Formulated into 19 Cancer Council Australia sunscreens, including kids' sunscreens.



CHOICE Sunscreen Test found SPF 33

# November 2026 Targets

- Continue to grow the number of distributors in Europe, Asia and South America.
- Increase Marketing expenditure to grow sales in Asia and Europe, and grow our distribution network in countries where we are not represented.
- White Sapphire High Purity product development is ongoing. Looking to launch a range in Calendar 2026.
- New White Sapphire Glow has been sent to distributors and sampled at 4 trade shows.

# Sales and Profit Comparison

## 2025 - 2026

Total Actual sales to  
October 31st, 2025

FY25	FY26	% Movement
\$3.48M	\$4.172M	Up 19.89%

Profit before tax  
4 months to 31/10

FY25	FY26	% Movement
Loss (\$55,000)	\$262,199	Up 576.73%

# Operational Cost Reductions – Including the Closure of Perth

Operating Costs	FY23	FY25	% Movement
Employees	\$2,357,000	\$1,538,000	Down 34.75%
Super	\$314,000	\$298,000	Down 5.10%
Legal	\$128,000	\$76,000	Down 40.63%
Directors Fee	\$416,000	\$395,000	Down 5.05%
Insurance	\$209,000	\$184,000	Down 11.96%
Patents	\$80,000	\$83,000	Up 3.75%
Corporate	\$268,000	\$171,000	Down 36.19%
Consulting	\$204,000	\$120,000	Down 41.18%
Other	\$927,000	\$584,000	Down 37.00%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,903,000</b>	<b>\$3,449,000</b>	<b>Down 29.66%</b>

Note: Reduction in operating costs is \$1.454M over 2 years

# White Sapphire & Other Oxides Product Development Calendar 2026

## White Sapphire

- Looking to launch our White Sapphire Matte and White Sapphire Glow to over 300 customers globally.
- We have 14 possible applications and over 650 customers to send samples of our High Purity White Sapphire in calendar 2026.

## Other Oxides

- We have sourced the material for 2 new oxides and expect production trials to commence in early 2026.
- We anticipate commencing large scale pilot trials of our Magnesium Oxide in early 2026.

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