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Dear Friends at UCT,

As partners and providers to faculty and students at the University of Cape Town we were shocked by the scenes we witnessed, and you experienced, of the devastation caused by April's wildfire to the buildings on Upper Campus.

Myself and my colleagues at Cengage in South Africa, having regularly visited the university and enjoyed its surroundings, as well as the partnership and hospitality of staff and students over the years, are acutely aware of the impact of this unfortunate event, not only on the library and its collections, but particularly on the work of teaching and research staff, and particularly of students, some of whose lives have also been disrupted and possessions lost due to the damage to campus halls of residence.

As textbook publishers and long-term providers of digital courseware to UCT, we appreciate the potential impact of the incident on the critical process of teaching and learning specifically, which is why we took the decision to make a R20,000 donation to help sustain student well-being through these turbulent times, which of course has already been disrupted by the wider events of the last 12 months.

We wish everyone associated with the university a swift and safe return to normal operations and look forward to the restoration of the facilities so that these can not only be appreciated once more, and more importantly can continue to successfully serve their key purpose of enabling and delivering the best possible academic outcomes for students and in boosting their future prospects.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew Robinson", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Andrew Robinson
Director of Higher Education