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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

BRANZ Advisory Note 2013-1 Illegal fabricated Fire Test Report and Fire Test Certificate

It has come to the attention of BRANZ that documents purporting to have been issued by BRANZ in the name of Fire Retardant Technologies Pty. Ltd. for Firetard 120 are fabrications which have been produced illegally. The fabricated documents are labelled Test Report FH 4084 and a corresponding Test Certificate FTC 502.

These documents give the impression that Western Red Cedar timber treated with the Fire Retardant Technologies Pty. Ltd. product Firetard 120 can adequately meet the *Bushfire-Resisting Timber* requirements of the bushfire standard AS 3959-2009.

There is no evidence that Western Red Cedar timber treated with Firetard 120 and subjected to the testing requirements of AS 3959-2009 Appendix F (accelerated weathering followed by fire testing) meets the fire performance criteria for "*Bushfire-Resisting Timber*". The fabricated BRANZ documents FH 4084 and FTC 502 must not be relied upon for verification of performance.

If you believe that you may have used this fabricated fire test report or fire test certificate, as part of the verification process of suitability, then you are advised to contact the relevant Certifying or Approval Authority in your State or Territory.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Pieter Burghout".

Pieter Burghout
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