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FRAUDULENT USE OF THE SATAS CERTIFICATION MARK

The SATAS Certification Mark is a registered “trade name” and it is illegal to use the certification mark on any product without the necessary approval from SATAS. Any criminal whether a registered Company or individual, who allows this fraudulent activity on their premises, will be dealt with within the South African legal system.

Since the inception of SATAS in 2003, there have been three cases of this nature. The first two cases were dealt with and end up in closure of the businesses. No individual or Company is above the law. In South Africa there is enough evidence to substantiate this.

In the latest instance substandard Timber was fraudulent marked and supplied by a “supplier” to a Roof truss Manufacturer. We are dealing with this and we hope that all the parties involved will assist us to bring the guilty party to book.

We call on all manufacturers and end users of structural timber to be aware of these criminals who are prepared to put other innocent people’s lives at risk just because they have not the means or character to do proper honest business.

Anyone who doubts the quality or the authenticity of the grading on timber supplied to them must regard this as serious and please contact the nearest SATAS auditor.

We appreciate our certified manufacturers who sometimes in difficult circumstances maintain their integrity by supplying a product within the relevant standard requirements to the industry and the end user. You do not deserve to be criminalized in this way.

Regards
Abe Stears
SATAS

ONWETTIGE BEBRUIK VAN DIE SATAS SERTIFISERING MERK

Die satas sertifiserings merk is ‘n geregistreerde “handelsmerk” en dit is onwettig om die SATAS logo op enige produk sonder die nodige SATAS goedkeuring te gebruik. Enige krimineel, ‘n maatskappy of ‘n individueel wie die onwettige aktiwiteit op hul perseel toelaat sal binne die Suid Afrikaanse wet hanteer word.

Vanaf die stigting van SATAS in 2003 was daar drie soortgelyke gevalle. Die eerste twee gevalle was aangespreek en het die sluiting van die spesifieke maatskappye beteken. Geen individu of maatskappy is bo die wet verhef. Daar is genoeg bewyse hiervan in Suid Afrika.

In die laaste geval is sub-standaard produk onwettig gemerk en deur ‘n “agent/vervaardiger” aan ‘n dakkap vervaardiger voorsien. Ons spreek hierdie situasie aan en hoop dat alle partye sal saamwerk om ons te ondersteun om die skuldige party te laat boet.

Ons vra alle vervaardigers en verbruikers van strukturele hout om bewus te wees van hierdie kriminele wat bereid is om mense se lewens in gevaar te stel omdat hul nie die vermoede of die karakter het om behoorlike eerlike besigheid te bedryf nie.

Enig iemand wat die kwaliteit of die egtheid van die gradering van hout wat aan hul voorsien is betwyfel moet dit in ‘n ernstige lig beskou en moet asseblief hul naaste SATAS ouditeur skakel.

Ons waardeur ons ge-sertifiseerde vervaardigers wat soms in moeilike omstandighede hul intergriteit voorop stel deur ‘n produk binne die relevante standaard vereistes aan die industrie en die eindverbruiker te voorsien. Jul verdien nie om so gekriminaliseer te word nie.

Groete
Abe Stears
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