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Dear Sir,

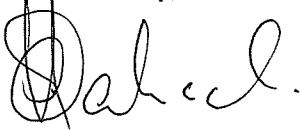
THE APPROVAL OF LIGHT STEEL FRAME HOUSING

The NHBRC acknowledges the recent publication of the SANS 517:2009 code of practice by the South African Bureau of Standards. Therefore, all new submissions for the approval of light steel frame housing will be treated as falling within deemed-to-satisfy rules and will have to follow the standard enrolment process through our regional customer care centres. Any applications which deviate from the minimum requirements as stated in the SANS 517:2009 standard, must be submitted to NHBRC Technical Division as a rational design.

The NHBRC would appreciate it if SASFA would arrange for the training of all NHBRC inspectors, to ensure a clear understanding of light steel frame structures and the construction thereof, which in turn, will assist in avoiding misunderstandings on site with regards to the issuance of non-compliance notices.

If you need further information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact our engineer, Ms. Lerato Khanye on Tel: +27 11 317 0258 or Email: leratok@nhbrc.org.za

Yours Sincerely,



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