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To whom it may concern.

Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (**CSIRO**) has become aware of a Certificate of Assessment purportedly issued by the CSIRO Division of Manufacturing and Infrastructure Technologies to F.R.T. Fire Retardant Technologies Pty Ltd (**F.R.T.**) in relation to testing of a sample of Firetard 120 treated western red cedar in accordance with Australian/New Zealand Standard 3837 (Method of test for heat and smoke release rates for materials and products using an oxygen consumption calorimeter) dated 27 May 2004 and numbered 462 (**Certificate of Assessment**).

CSIRO has no record of issuing the Certificate to F.R.T. or testing Firetard 120 treated western red cedar. As such while the Certificate of Assessment gives the impression that Firetard 120 treated western red cedar meets the AS/NZS 3837 performance specification for the definition of a fire-retardant-treated timber as specified by Clause 1.5.6 of Australian Standard 3959, Construction of buildings in bushfire-prone areas, 1999, the Certificate of Assessment must not be relied on for verification of performance.

Please note that the Certificate of Assessment No. 462 issued by CSIRO to Hitchins Research Laboratories Pty. Ltd. is valid.

If you received a copy of the Certificate of Assessment issued to F.R.T. or have concerns about the use of Firetard 120 treated western red cedar, please contact Mr. Brett Roddy on [brett.rodny@csiro.au](mailto:brett.rodny@csiro.au)

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Rajam Sankaran". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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