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Public Notice: Abuse of SABS Mark

This notice is published by the South African Bureau of Standards (SABS). The SABS provides for the development and maintenance of standardization and quality in connection with commodities and the rendering of related conformity assessment services.

The SABS hereby notifies the South African public and relevant industries that the following companies are in transgression of the SABS' intellectual property rights by using the SABS Mark unlawfully:

No	Company Name	Products
1	Focus Connection-HEZONG	Circuit breakers and earth leakages
2	POWERMITE	Electric cabling, plugs, sockets, electric feeder systems and crane materials
3	Solartech	Solar geysers
4	Heat Link	Solar geysers
5	Solar Appliance Distributors	Solar geysers
6	Clover Chemical (Pty) Ltd – Gaborone, Botswana	Supplier of chemicals
7	China United Cement Lunan Co Limited, Tengzhou City, China	Cement
8	Fragram	Welding rods
9	Arrie's Paving	Paving bricks

The abovementioned companies are not SABS Certified Clients and therefore have no right to use the SABS Mark on their products or claim to be SABS Approved.

The SABS Mark gives consumers the assurance that products carrying the SABS Mark are regularly tested for compliance with the relevant standard. It is therefore in the interests of the protection of consumers that the SABS needs to take action against any company that falsely use the Mark or falsely claim conformity to a standard.

The SABS has the responsibility of protecting our trade mark and reputation, along with upholding the value and integrity of the SABS Mark for legitimate certified customers, and will do so to the fullest extent of the law. This includes launching legal proceedings against companies which fraudulently use the SABS Mark or claim to be SABS Approved.

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