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To whom it may concern

Structural Certification of BPB Plasterboard Bracing Manual - November 2010

On behalf of BPB Plasterboard I have reviewed the bracing rating information and design details contained in BPB Plasterboard Bracing Manual (November 2010) pages 1 to 13. I have reviewed independent P21 test results of BPB Plasterboard done by Scion Research Rotorua, for both BPB Standard Board, BPB Braceboard, and BPB Firestop for typical panel heights of 2400mm and widths of 400mm, 600mm, 900mm, 1200mm, 1800mm, and 2400mm. BPB Standard Board panels 3600mm high and 600mm wide were also tested.

The panel systems tested were constructed using MSG8 kiln dried timber framing with the BPB Plasterboard fixed in accordance with the construction information as illustrated in the BPB Bracing Manual.

I am satisfied that the information and details contained in the BPB Plasterboard Bracing Manual are suitable for internal construction in compliance with the requirements of NZS3604 and section B1 of the New Zealand Building Regulations 1992.

Disclaimer:

While every care has been taken in checking the correctness of the information contained within the bracing guide no representations or warranties of any kind are given.

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