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PRETORIA.

Dear Mr. ....,

Leggats Business Relationship with Local Authorities.

We feel it is of importance to draw your attention to the necessity for local authorities who enter into a business arrangement with Leggat or any firm to have the local authorities fully protected.

We understand that many local authorities are desirous of using the services of Messrs. Leggat Ltd., to carry out part or the whole of the building construction schemes under Housing Board loans advanced to local authorities.

We have usually nothing whatever to do with the domestic side of any business agreement entered into between local authorities and contractors, but where it is within our knowledge that such an arrangement of special nature is proposed or pending we think it is your duty to see that the local authority is protected in accepting supplies of proprietary manufacture such as door frames, doors, beams, tiles, ridging for roofing, window frames, floor tiles, water troughs, air bricks and the like.

All of these materials are made of concrete and concrete can be easily damaged, or delivered in a green state or unexpected faults may appear after manufacture. The local authority should be guaranteed and indemnified against loss in case of unsound materials being supplied and used by the contractor.

We do not suggest that Leggat Ltd., is not trustworthy and honest, on the contrary we believe them be above suspicion and extremely able and efficient, but it is for this very reason you should see to it that you are not lulled into a sense of false security regarding known possibilities of failure ~~and failure~~ of concrete goods.

We believe that a system whereby highly skilled concrete contractors are employed to assist local authorities in building houses, can prove of inestimable value to both parties from the point of view of securing economy of construction and highclass workmanship, but we must make due allowance for human imperfections as well as imperfections in manufactured goods and this can best be done by affording advice to local authorities as directed herein.

After all it should be borne in mind that apart from the walls, in most subeconomic non-European types of dwellings the bulk of the goods to be supplied and sold will be from the concrete manufacturing firm. It is because such a large percentage of such goods will be supplied that you are requested to pave the way for a clear cut business arrangement between the parties concerned and see to it in particular that public interests are permanent.

Yours *Sincerely,*

..... Esq.,

for TECHNICAL COMMITTEE.

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