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KVB Associates
Professional Advisors to the Built Environment

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF KVB ASSOCIATES

The aims and objectives of **KVB ASSOCIATES** is to offer clients an independent assessment of construction related problems on their buildings, mainly in the coatings and waterproofing fields, and to offer suggestions, where possible, to rectify such problems. Also, to offer clients a design input of waterproofing details at the “drawing board” stage of contract.

Problems that are due to the original incorrect, or poor design, sometimes cannot be rectified easily, or at all, without major reconstruction. **KVB ASSOCIATES** cannot offer any “magical” solutions to such problems. In some cases, where there is incorrect or poor design, any suggestions offered might have to be of a compromise nature. The implications and risks would be thoroughly explained to the client at the time. There could be situations where there are no solutions, without starting the building all over again!

Problem solving, unfortunately, is not an exact science. The knowledge and experience offered by **KVB ASSOCIATES** comes from over thirty years of working in the building industry.

It is not the objective of **KVB ASSOCIATES** to recommend specific materials, or trade names, unless, only one or two materials are specifically designed and manufactured for a particular situation.

For other building related problems **KVB ASSOCIATES** would call on the services of Associates or other experts in that specific field.

General comments on waterproofing of building:

If there is correct design and detailing of waterproofing right at the beginning, before construction even starts, correct choice of materials and the installation is done correctly to detail by and experienced and qualified company, then there should be any problems with this element of a building.

Also, last but not least, a very important point for the success of the waterproofing element of a building, is that there is the greatest respect and understanding from all other trades that interface with any waterproofing aspect of the building, whether it be DPC's (Damp Proof Courses), DPM's (Damp Proof Membranes), flashing on roofs, or waterproofing to flat and vertical areas etc.

The education on the waterproofing of buildings is very important and unfortunately is sometimes overlooked. **KVB ASSOCIATES** offers presentations on this subject.

KVB ASSOCIATES have Professional Indemnity insurance cover to the value of R2 million.

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