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ATTENTION: Ros Devereux

**RE: RESTORATION OF WOOD BORER DAMAGED TIMBER ROOF ELEMENTS AT MUSGRAVE
METHODIST CHURCH, 237 MUSGRAVE ROAD, DURBAN**

We write to you on behalf of the Musgrave Methodist Church to inform you of the planned roof restoration project for the Church Roof.

In December 2018 Gavin Brown and Associates carried out a condition assessment of the timber roof construction over the Church building located at the above address. A copy of our report is attached herewith.

Our investigation revealed that a significant portion of the Tongue and Grooved ceilings, timber rafters and battens that occur above the primary trusses have been severely damaged by wood borer infestation. Our report recommended that these secondary timber elements be replaced with similar sized treated South African Pine structural timber. In 2018 we observed minimal damage to the timber members that make up the primary exposed trusses, and we do not envisage that there will be any remedial works to these exposed trusses.

A "like-for-like" principle has been adopted for the roof restoration. The affected timbers that require replacing are concealed above the T&G, and will be replaced in the exact configuration that currently exists in the roof construction. The proposed restoration will not alter the roof design, elevations or any historically significant aspect of the roof construction.

Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact us.

Your Sincerely

Gavin R Brown and Associates cc

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(Signed electronically)