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Dear Client

SABS copyright rules

1. Introduction

- 1.1 In terms of section 26 of the Standards Act of 2008, the South African Bureau of Standards (SABS) holds copyright on all South African national standards and other SABS publications.
- 1.2 Unless specific exemption has been granted, no copying of SABS (SANS) standards is permitted, including the rewriting of a document by electronic or mechanical means.

The following are some guidelines on SABS' copyright rules:

2. Hard copies

Extracts of a SABS (SANS) standard may not be copied and used as part of a book or product that is sold, unless prior permission has been granted by the SABS.

3. Electronic copies

If a client purchases a SABS (SANS) standard and downloads it as a PDF file from the Webstore or receives it as an attachment to an e-mail, he/she may make one printout of the electronic file. The file will contain a watermark indicating that it may only be used on a standalone computer and not on a file or intranet server. Copying it to a file or intranet server or making multiple copies of it constitutes a violation of SABS copyright rules. In exceptional cases a watermark that permits the user to make more than one printout may be added. However, a copyright agreement, to be signed by both parties, will apply in such cases.

4. CD-ROM Collections

- 4.1 Clients must specify to our Standards Sales staff how many concurrent users will have access to a standard (or standards). The quote is determined according to the number of

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concurrent users and a watermark is added to the standard(s) to that effect. A sliding scale is used to determine the price of a multiple-user CD-ROM collection. This means that a 10-user licence, for example, will cost 3 times the price of the applicable standard(s). One printout of the standard(s) per licensed user is permitted. A client who orders a CD-ROM collection for one user may obviously not store it on a file or intranet server and thus allow multiple-user access, as this will violate SABS copyright rules.

4.2 Companies or organizations may subscribe to the complete collection of SABS (SANS) standards for which a global licence is granted and quarterly updates provided. Subscription to the complete collection will be subject to a copyright agreement and an annual subscription fee.

5. Copyright agreements

Any company or organization wishing to use extracts from copies of standards (hard or electronic copies) as part of lecture material or a commercial product must contact the SABS regarding the copyright implications. In such cases the SABS will draw up a copyright agreement that specifies the conditions under which exemption from copyright is granted. This agreement may comprise a once-off payment or royalties for the duration of the agreement.

6. Conclusion

In light of that has been stated above, we trust that you will continue to adhere to SABS' copyright ruled. Failure to respect SABS' copyright and intellectual property may result in breaking the law and in legal penalties. It may also deprive the developers of standards of a fair return on their work and ultimately jeopardize the development of future standards.

Yours Sincerely



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