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**Canadian
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April 30, 2009

Dear CHBA-Alberta Members,

You recently received a letter and template letter dated April 27, 2009 from Bruce Galts, President of the Canadian Home Builders' Association - Alberta. Please be advised the template letter contained an error. The value of residential construction in Alberta in 2008 was **\$14,400,000,000** not \$14,400,000 as stated in the letter. Please accept our apologies for this error, and kindly replace the template letter with the attached corrected version.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kathy Watson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Kathy Watson,
Executive Officer

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April 27, 2009

Dear _____,

I am writing to express my concern and frustration. Although our industry provided input on the new High Intensity Residential Fire (HIRF) codes changes, I do not feel our input was taken seriously. Implementation of this new code will add thousands to the cost of each new home built.

I am concerned about the codes requirement that stipulates non-ventilated soffits as this may create a mould condition in the roofing system. The liability of this issue would be similar to the pine shakes situation of the past, except this time it is code implemented by the province and not optional.

I understand that new recommendations have been made to Minister Danyluk concerning Residential Construction Practices. The Canadian Home Builders' Association – Alberta (CHBA-Alberta) has not been informed of the contents of the recommendations. I respectfully request that CHBA-Alberta be given any information available regarding the Residential Construction Practices proposal. I also ask that CHBA-Alberta be consulted in this matter.

The value of residential construction in Alberta was \$14,400,000,000 in 2008 and created 104,700 jobs. We are experts in our field and should be sought after as such when matters are being considered that directly mandate how homes are built.

Kathy Watson is CHBA-Alberta's Executive Officer and can be reached at 1-800-661-3348. You can also contact the President of CHBA-Alberta, Bruce Galts at (403) 329-3221.

Thank-you for your time in addressing my concerns.

Sincerely,
