



JOINT PRESS STATEMENT BY WIRELEC INDUSTRIES CC ("WIRELEC INDUSTRIES") AND MICROMATICA 900 (PTY) LTD ("MICROMATICA")

During the period March 2011 to December 2011, Wirelec Industries and Micromatica sold to its customers certain earth leakage devices. These earth leakage devices sold by us during the aforementioned period were not manufactured by and did not emanate from Circuit Breaker Industries Limited t/a CBI Electric-Low Voltage. These earth leakage devices were counterfeit and non-compliant CBI branded earth leakage devices. We apologize to our customers and to the public for having sold such devices which were counterfeit.

Earth Leakage Devices are safety critical devices intended to protect humans and animals against electrocution and fire hazard. For this reason, it is of paramount importance that earth leakage devices that are installed in homes and businesses are compliant to the Compulsory Specification for Earth Leakage Devices, VC 8035. The installation of non-compliant earth leakage devices could have devastating consequences, posing a significant risk to human and animal life as well as to property.

In terms of the South African Law, in particular, the Counterfeit Goods Act of 1997, it is a criminal offence to deal in counterfeit CBI branded earth leakage devices. Furthermore, it is a criminal offence in terms of The National Regulator for Compulsory Specifications Act of 2008 to import, sell or supply earth leakage devices that do not comply with the Compulsory Specification for the Earth Leakage Devices, VC 8035.

As a result of the risk posed by those counterfeit and non-compliant CBI branded earth leakage devices, we now call upon members of the public and all traders to whom we have sold such devices during the aforementioned period to return these devices (if they are still in possession thereof) to us for a full refund of the purchase price.

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