

Underwriting Governance External Platforms

Domestic Thatch Risks Questionnaire



General Information

Proposer _____ Intermediary _____

Risk Address _____

Type of building _____

Building situation _____

Fire, Lightning & Storm Losses history at the premises _____

Age of building _____ Age of the roof _____ How long have you been staying there _____

When was the thatch roof last Rethatched _____ Redressed _____

Recombed _____ Inspected / repaired _____

Has the building been rewired to specifically cater for the thatch roof?

If Yes, Give the date & details _____

Protection in the Building

Does the kitchen have a concrete ceiling? If not, details of ceiling _____

Does the building have a chimney? Construction of chimney _____

Does the chimney extend above the thatch roof? Height above the roofline _____

Do you use open fires, fuelled by solid fuels (e.g. wood, coal, etc.)? Details _____

Is the chimney(s) fitted with spark arresters? _____

Is LP or Piped gas used for cooking, Warm water or space heating? Details _____

Protection of the Thatch

Does the Building have a SABS approved lightning conductor? Installed to SABS specifications

If No, Give full details _____

Has the thatch roof been treated with Fire blankets? Thatchsay? Thatchbor?

Thatch Guardian? Selfcoat?

Is the building protected by a drencher system? If yes, which type of system

Fire protection Equipment

Are there any fire extinguisher(s) installed in the Kitchen? Details _____

Are there any fire extinguisher(s) installed in the house? Details _____

The minimum requirement is at least one 4.5 kg DCP (Dry Chemical Powder) fire extinguisher installed in the kitchen area. Strongly recommended: The installation of a second 4.5 kg DCP extinguisher in the bedrooms area of the house. Extinguisher(s) must be inspected, pressure tested and serviced annually as per SABS operating requirements.

Are there any fire fighting hose reels installed at the premises? Details _____

What water supplies are available for fire fighting? _____

Is the premises serviced by a local fire department? Details _____

Distance from fire department? _____

Protection of the Premises

What type of vegetation is there in the vicinity of the buildings? _____

What is the minimum clearance around the buildings? _____

The minimum requirement is the clearance of all trees, bush, jungle, grass and weeds around all insured buildings. This clearance does not include lawns and small garden vegetation. Depending on the surrounding vegetation and location of the premises, the cleared area should be between 5 and 20 m. In suburban properties the 5 m should be sufficient whilst a smallholding with trees and natural veld surrounding the buildings need 10 to 20 m clearance.

Are there any other protections in place or any other factors that could influence the acceptance of this risk?

Details _____