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New Zealand Demolition & Asbestos Association Empowers Homeowners with Free Asbestos Safety Guideline

The New Zealand Demolition and Asbestos Association (NZDAA) is pleased to announce the release of its practical guideline aimed at raising awareness and promoting the safe management of asbestos-containing materials in New Zealand homes. This initiative is part of our ongoing commitment to safeguarding the health and well-being of homeowners, whanau, prospective buyers, and individuals involved in home improvement projects.

Titled "Asbestos Awareness: A Guide for Prospective Buyers and Homeowners," this free guideline provides vital information on identifying, assessing, and managing the risks associated with asbestos. It offers invaluable insights into the common areas where asbestos is found in New Zealand homes and presents practical tips for ensuring the safety of residents and those undertaking DIY renovations.

Asbestos, a hazardous substance known to cause severe health issues, is still present in many homes across the country. It poses a significant risk when disturbed, as microscopic fibres can be released into the air and inhaled, potentially leading to life-threatening conditions such as lung cancer and mesothelioma. Therefore, it is crucial for homeowners and prospective buyers to have access to reliable information that enables them to make informed decisions and take necessary precautions.

The NZDAA's free guideline equips homeowners with the knowledge they need to identify potential asbestos-containing materials and understand the steps to manage them safely. It includes practical advice on how to engage professionals for asbestos testing and removal, as well as guidance for DIY enthusiasts to minimize risks when working with older properties.

"We are delighted to offer this free guideline to homeowners and prospective buyers across New Zealand," said Helina Stil, President of the NZDAA. "Our aim is to empower individuals with the necessary information to ensure their homes are safe and free from asbestos-related risks. By raising awareness and promoting responsible asbestos management, we can protect the health of our communities and create safer living environments."

The "Asbestos Awareness" guideline is available for free download on the NZDAA website [www.nzdaa.com] It is designed to be user-friendly, making it accessible to a wide range of audiences. Whether you are a homeowner, a prospective buyer, or a DIY enthusiast, this guideline will serve as a valuable resource to help you identify and manage asbestos risks effectively.

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About the New Zealand Demolition and Asbestos Association (NZDAA):

The New Zealand Demolition and Asbestos Association is a leading industry body dedicated to promoting safe practices and raising awareness about asbestos-related risks. Comprised of professionals from the demolition, construction, and asbestos sectors, the NZDAA works collaboratively with government agencies and other stakeholders to ensure the highest standards of safety and compliance in the industry.