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Sir

**ELIDE FIRE EXTINGUISHING BALL**

Thank you for the opportunity to have been introduced to your product, "Elide Fire Extinguishing Ball", during your recent demonstration to the Technical Committee of the Southern African Emergency Services Institute (SAESI) in Bloemfontein.

The International awards and certification of the product as well as the progress made in obtaining certification from the South African Bureau of Standards is noted and you are encouraged to finalize the SABS certification of the product.

The product was demonstrated under an actual indoor fire condition and the outcome was indeed very positive. The fire which simulated a typical indoor kitchen type fire involving a substance burning on a stove was extinguished by the Fire Ball extinguisher in less than 15 seconds from the time of ignition of the fire, to the actual self-activation of the extinguisher.

I sincerely am of the opinion that the "Fire Ball" concept of fire extinguishing is a very useful addition to the conventional approach of fire extinguishment in that the extinguisher is portable self-activating and very audible upon activation, thus adding the additional benefit of alarming inhabitants of the prevailing fire condition. The application possibilities of the concept is vast, varying from domestic use in the kitchen, garage and other areas at risk, to commercial and industrial applications.

I am also very excited about the possibilities of this applications in communities living in informal dwellings where numerous lives are lost due to fire, every year. The "Fire Ball" concept of fire extinguishment may be a very useful measure in preventing and extinguishing fires in the very densely populated informal settlements. With the correct application of the product, the rapid spreading of fire from dwelling to dwelling so often seen in the informal residential areas leading to massive destruction and loss in life and property, may be controlled, thus saving life and property.

I wish you all the best with the product and trust that it will assist in reducing loss of life and property due to fire in South Africa.

**Yours Faithfully**

**CHIEF FIRE OFFICER**