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Department of
**Transport and Main Roads**

**Notice to Precasters 2020/2**
**Supply of Prestressing Strand**

Dear Supplier,

As you may be aware, Infrabuild has made the decision to cease manufacturing prestressing strand in Australia (effective end of August 2020) and move towards importing product for the Australian market.  This has three implications you should be aware of:

a) There is the potential for some disruption in strand supply during the transition. Customers of Infrabuild should seek clarity regarding product availability and lead times.

b) Strand shall only be supplied from a registered supplier.

Strand manufactured by Infrabuild in Australia prior to their registration as a strand manufacturer ceasing (end of August 2020) will remain valid for use on TMR projects.  That is, if you have stock of Infrabuild manufactured strand it is acceptable to use it past the end of August 2020.  When submitting stressing records (MRTS73 Clause 16.1) please note clearly the supplier and date of manufacture.

Strand supplied by Infrabuild as an agent/importer will need to come from a TMR registered mill.  We have not yet been informed by Infrabuild which mill(s) this will be, and to date have not been supplied any test data for the mill registration process.

c) Infrabuild supplied an 1830 MPa Grade 15.2 mm strand which has been specified by some designers.  At present other registered suppliers manufacture a 1750 MPa Grade 15.2 mm strand.  If drawings stipulate the higher grade (1830 MPa) and this Grade of 15.2 mm strand is not available then please raise an Request for Information (RFI) for the Designer's consideration.  It should be noted that in some cases a redesign may be required.

If you have any further questions about these matters above, please give us a call.

Yours sincerely,

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