



Building Services Authority

MEDIA STATEMENT

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Public Warning about Global Home Solutions

The Queensland Building Services Authority (BSA) is urging consumers, contractors and suppliers to be cautious in their dealings with Global Home Solutions Pty Ltd and Mathew Bradley Willaims.

In early 2010, the BSA suspended and subsequently cancelled the licence of MBW Group Developments Pty Ltd on the grounds its director Mathew Willaims – now believed based in Darwin - was not a fit and proper person to exercise control or influence over a company that holds a BSA licence.

General Manager of the BSA, Ian Jennings, said Mr Willaims had since been permanently excluded from being the director of a BSA-licensed company in Queensland and from personally holding a BSA Contractor Licence.

Mr Jennings said the BSA recently received information that Mr Willaims, also known as Edwin Nair and Edwin Mack, had started a company called Global Home Solutions Pty Ltd.

Global Home Solutions is advertising its services as a manufacturer of kit homes and encourages consumers to become owner-builders in order to build the kit homes themselves. The company is also selling Global Home Solutions franchise licenses.

“This company does not hold a BSA licence and cannot carry out or enter into contracts to carry out building work in Queensland,” Mr Jennings said.

“The company is also not able to undertake building work services, including administration, advisory, management or supervisory services.”

He said the BSA warned anyone dealing with Global Home Solutions or Mr Willaims, including BSA-licensed contractors, to exercise extreme caution and seek legal advice before making commitments or payments, to protect their interests.

Mr Willaims was previously a director of several failed companies, including:

- ASK Homes Enterprises Pty Ltd (Liquidator appointed 1/3/11)
- MBW Group Developments Pty Ltd (Liquidator appointed 25/1/10)
- All Invogue Constructions Pty Ltd (Liquidator appointed 30/4/09)
- DES (ACT) Pty Ltd (Administrator appointed 12/2/09)

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General risks associated with being an 'owner-builder' and buying a kit home

The BSA has also warned consumers that the Queensland Home Warranty Scheme does not provide any protection for owner-builders.

The BSA is also unable to assist owner-builders in relation to rectification of defects, disputes or payment issues.

An owner-builder must assume the role and responsibilities of the head contractor, so you should be confident you can perform this role before deciding to become an owner-builder.

The BSA recommends that consumers who want the protections provided by the Queensland Home Warranty Scheme to only ever enter into one contract with a BSA-licensed entity, for both the supply of materials and construction works.

If you are in doubt as to whether the entity you are contracting with is licensed or holds the correct licence to do the work, please contact the BSA or conduct an online licence search at www.bsa.qld.gov.au

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