



### **Groundbreaker Systems Products Legal Information:**

The use of Groundbreaker Systems products may require compliance with both the Water Regulations and Building Regulations.

### **Water Regulations:**

When working with a mains water supply any work on a domestic plumbing system is a notifiable event to your local water company.

This means that to comply with the Water Industry Legislation, it is the responsibility of the property owner / installer / occupant to notify the Water Company in writing of works under Regulation 5 of the Water Supply (Water Fittings) Regulations 1999, the Water Supply (Water Fittings) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009 and the Water Supply (Water Fittings) (Scotland) Byelaws 2014, prior to the commencement of works.

Check your water provider website for the submission procedure. The application is usually made online or by completing a form available from their website.

If the water company has not responded to any such request within ten working days, consent is deemed to have been granted.

If a request is rejected without appropriate reason, the consumer may have recourse to a formal complaint against the water company (to DEFRA/Welsh Assembly/DAERA) under Section 13 of the Water Supply (Water Fittings) Regulations 1999, the Water Supply (Water Fittings) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009 and the Water Supply (Water Fittings) (Scotland) Byelaws 2014.

## **Building Regulations:**

The use of our Groundbreaker and INSUduct products fall under different sections of the Building Act 1984 (England and Wales), the Building Act (Scotland) 2023 and the Building Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2012.

Generally, compliance is required to ensure fire safety and energy efficiency.

The Fire Safety requirements mean that our Groundbreaker and INSUduct products are not suitable for use in the following situations:

- 1) On properties exceeding 11m in height.
- 2) Within 1m of a property boundary and the installed product height is greater than 300mm above ground level.

In addition, any openings through walls for pipe connections require suitable protection to ensure the fire resistance of the wall is maintained.

Suggested details have been provided but due to the variability of installation situations and complexity of the regulations it is strongly recommended that advice is sought from both Local Authority Building Control Teams and Water Undertaker Regulation Teams to check works are approved, inspected and signed off to ensure compliance.

## **General Disclaimer:**

It is the responsibility of the homeowner / installer / occupant to install apparatus to specification and in accordance with the detailed design and all appropriate legislation.