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NatHERS SOFTWARE ACCREDITATION UPDATE

This Building Note advises that the Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency has recently accredited the software tool: **First Rate 5 V5.1.7**. Accordingly, this software can now be utilised in the Northern Territory.

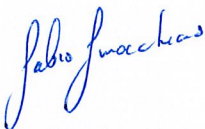
For your reference, the software now produces NatHERS certificates that are identified by the following key features:

- The ten star NatHERS logo on the top right corner;
- The First Rate 5 software version/release numbers: version 5.1.7; and
- The CHENATH engine version V2.13.

Please note that **First Rate 5 V5.1.7** is unable to be used under NatHERS for modelling house plans that include 'edge slab insulation'.

As part of the ongoing process of improving the NatHERS scheme, a standard NatHERS certificate is being developed. This will ultimately make its way into all accredited softwares and ensure that regulatory authorities have a common set of information presented to them for their use in new residential building compliance. Further advice will be provided.

Further information on NatHERS and the accreditation process can be found at:
www.nathers.gov.au



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