NW000-S0035 NS171 FIRESTOPPING IN SUBSTATIONS
ISSUE

For issue to all Ausgrid and Accredited Service Providers’ staff involved with the installation of firestopping materials in openings in substation walls, floors and ceilings in an electrical substation and is for reference by field, technical and engineering staff.

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KEY POINTS OF THIS STANDARD

Scope and Risks Addressed

This standard details requirements for the application of firestopping in openings in walls, ceilings and floors, as well as cable ducts. The standard has the following scope/limitations:

- Only applies to openings for electrical services, such as cables, electrical conduits and busbars.
- It does not address firestopping of other service penetrations.
- All buildings must comply with the Building Code of Australia with respect to fire segregation and firestopping.
- Applies to cables in or adjacent to the structure including cable risers, cable turning rooms and pits.
- Applies to Ausgrid, ASPs, and contractors, as well as their employees, working in Ausgrid substations.
- Aims to minimise risk of fire spread via electrical services that penetrate building elements (walls, floors, ceilings).
- Documents product performance requirements of firestopping products required to achieve Ausgrid approval.

Fire Risk & Material Safety

This standard identifies risks relating to the spread of fire within substations. These include:

- Spread of fire through openings in the building structure no matter how small.
- Tracking of fire along cables/conduits.
- Ignition of combustible material subsequent to equipment failure, such as oil-filled switchgear.
- Damage is not limited to effect of fire burning and smoke but also fire fighting activities.
- Firestopping should be installed during construction when a risk assessment deems it to be necessary.
- Temporary fire stopping may be required where appropriate during construction.
- Safety Data Sheets should be available for all firestopping materials when being installed, removed, disturbed or otherwise interfered with.
- All new installations should not use inhalable man made mineral fibres (MMMF).
- The listed precautions should be used for existing installations where MMMF is confirmed or suspected.
- Asbestos shall not be used or reused at any site.

Firestopping Penetrations

The following specific requirements relate to fire stopping of penetrations:

- All services that penetrate building elements required to have a FRL shall be sealed unless required otherwise by this NS171.
- Table 1 in this standard nominates the minimum FRL required for various penetration seals.
- Where there is any doubt on the extent of penetration seals it should be referred to Ausgrid Primary Systems branch.
- Penetration seals are not required in some situations in external basement walls (Refer Cl. 9.3).
- Penetrations should generally be sealed at both ends. Special considerations apply for short penetrations.
- Special precautions are required where floor penetrations may become a hazard for pedestrians.
- PVC conduits require an intumescent seal when the conduits penetrate a building element required to have an FRL.
- Other services (non-electrical) may require similar penetration treatment.

Firestopping Penetrations (cont.d) and Cable Fire Protection

- Access provisions for seals are included for cable fault location requirements.
- Where seals are subject to exposure to moisture or oil a seal a protective coating will be applied.
- All existing penetrations that are disturbed shall be re-instated to an equivalent or better standard than the original.
- Re-instatement of seals should be done on a daily basis prior to leaving site.
- Where water seals are required do not use firestopping.
- All penetration seals shall be identified.
- Installation certification is required.
- A final inspection of installation works will be undertaken by Ausgrid.
- Cable fire protection can be in the form of cable coating products, approved cable wraps and blankets or approved flame retardant cable sheaths.
- Cable protection that is part of approved product specific installation detail must be installed.
- Specific cable protection requirements are listed for secondary cables in buildings, HV and LV cables within buildings and cable coating in external switchyards.
- Firestopping products shall be supplied/installed only by Ausgrid approved installers/suppliers.

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1.0 PURPOSE

This Network Standard for the installation of firestopping materials in openings in substation walls, floors and ceilings applies in particular to penetrations caused by cables, cable ducts, encased busbars and other openings unique to an electrical substation.

This standard also deals with firestopping around Poly Vinyl Chloride (PVC) (including Unplasticised Poly Vinyl Chloride (UPVC)) and similar electrical conduits where they pass through walls and floors.

The primary objectives of this Network Standard are:

- to minimise fire spread via electrical services that penetrate substation building elements (walls, floors and ceilings) that are required to have an FRL or a resistance to the incipient spread of fire.

- to document the product performance requirements that suppliers of fire stopping products shall meet to achieve approval from Ausgrid to supply these products.

Firestopping materials and products used in Ausgrid substations shall comply with the requirements of this Network Standard. A list of currently approved product specific installation details is included in Annexure B of this Network Standard.

All requests for variations to this Network Standard shall be undertaken using the approval process outlined in NS181 Approval of Materials and Equipment and Network Standard Variations.

2.0 SCOPE

This Network Standard is Ausgrid’s specification and requirements for the installation of firestopping materials in openings in substation walls, floors and ceilings. The openings referred to include holes, slots and other penetrations for electrical services, such as cables, electrical conduits and busbars. This document does not address fire stopping of other service penetrations.

The requirements of this Network Standard apply to all substations and similar installations. In addition to this Network Standard, all buildings must comply with the Building Code of Australia, Australian Standards and any other relevant codes and standards in respect to fire segregation and firestopping for the purpose of maintaining structural adequacy, integrity and insulation.

The requirements of this Network Standard also apply to associated cable installation facilities external to a substation chamber, but contained in or adjacent to the structure housing the substation, including cable risers, cable turning rooms and pits.

This Network Standard applies to all persons including Ausgrid staff, Accredited Service Providers, Contractors, sub-contractors and associates, and employees of any of the above and any other persons involved with electrical and/or construction work in substations.

The requirements of other relevant Network Standards shall also be complied with.
3.0 REFERENCES

3.1 General
All work covered in this document shall conform to all relevant Legislation, Standards, Codes of Practice and Network Standards. Current Network Standards are available on Ausgrid’s Internet site at www.ausgrid.com.au.

3.2 Ausgrid documents
- Company Form (Governance) - Network Technical Document Endorsement and Approval
- Company Procedure (Governance) - Network Technical Document Endorsement and Approval
- Company Procedure (Network) – Network Standards Compliance
- Company Procedure (Network) - Production / Review of Engineering Technical Documents within BMS
- Division Workplace Instruction (Network) – Production / review of Network Standards
- Electrical Safety Rules
- Electricity Network Safety Management System Manual
- NS181 Approval of Materials and Equipment and Network Standard Variations
- NS187 Passive Fire Mitigation Design of Substations
- NS211 Working With Asbestos Products
- NS212 Integrated Support Requirements for Ausgrid Network Assets
- NS261 Requirement for Design Compliance Framework for Network Standards

3.3 Other standards and documents
- All relevant WorkCover documentation.
- AS/NZS 1170 Structural design actions – Series
- AS 1530.4 Methods for fire tests on building materials, components and structures - Fire-resistance test of elements of construction
- AS 1851 Maintenance of fire protection systems and equipment
- AS 2865 Confined spaces
- AS 3600 Concrete structures
- AS 4072.1 Components for the protection of openings in fire-resistant separating elements - Service penetrations and control joints
- AS 4100 Steel structures
- Underwriter Laboratory Standard UL 1479 ‘Fire Test on Through Penetration Fire Seals’

3.4 Acts and regulations
- Building Code of Australia
- Electricity Supply (General) Regulation 2014 (NSW)
- Electricity Supply (Safety and Network Management) Regulation 2014
- Work Health and Safety Act 2011 and Regulation 2011
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<td><strong>Approved Installer</strong></td>
<td>An Accredited Service Provider (ASP) who has been trained and nominated in writing by an Approved Supplier of firestopping product. Note: Ausgrid may have additional safety training requirements depending on where the product is being installed. Refer to Ausgrid Project Development.</td>
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<td><strong>Approved Product</strong></td>
<td>List of products attached in Annexure B which satisfy the requirements listed in Annexure C Sealant Properties. To be used in locations identified in this Network Standard. These approved products shall be installed in accordance with Ausgrid’s Approved Product Specific Installation Details.</td>
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<td><strong>Approved Supplier</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Accredited Service Provider (ASP)</strong></td>
<td>An individual or entity accredited by the NSW Department of Industry, Division of Resources and Energy, in accordance with the Electricity Supply (Safety and Network Management) Regulation 2014 (NSW).</td>
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<td><strong>Ausgrid Primary Systems</strong></td>
<td>A section in the Ausgrid organisational structure within the Chief Engineer’s Division.</td>
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<td><strong>Business Management System (BMS)</strong></td>
<td>An Ausgrid internal integrated policy and procedure framework that contains the approved version of documents.</td>
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<td><strong>Cable Bricks</strong></td>
<td>An intumescent rectangular or plug shaped brick with a firm spongy texture. They are fire rated and tested for use with cables and satisfy the requirements of Annexure C, Sealant Properties.</td>
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<td><strong>Cable Coating</strong></td>
<td>A coating that provides heat protection to cables not by thermal insulation but by an endothermic reaction. Large amounts of heat energy are required to decompose the coating, thus the reaction takes heat away from the cable. The coating shall comply with the requirements of Annexure C, Sealant Properties.</td>
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<td><strong>Cable Mortar</strong></td>
<td>A mortar that is fire rated and tested for use with cables, and satisfies the requirements of Annexure C, Sealant Properties.</td>
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<td><strong>Cable Putty</strong></td>
<td>An intumescent putty with the texture of firm plasticene. It is fire rated and tested with cables and satisfies the requirements of Annexure C Sealant Properties.</td>
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<td><strong>Compartmentalise</strong></td>
<td>To separate a compartment from others by providing fire rated seals to any penetration that is common between compartments.</td>
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<td><strong>Endothermic Reaction</strong></td>
<td>A process by which energy is consumed when any material is changed from one state to another.</td>
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<td><strong>Expandable</strong></td>
<td>Expands during the setting process.</td>
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<td><strong>Factory Mutual</strong></td>
<td>An insurance organisation that provides testing and approvals for firestopping products to be used for specific applications.</td>
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<td><strong>Fire Collar</strong></td>
<td>A pre-fabricated penetration seal system for PVC conduits. Collars shall</td>
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be type tested and shall satisfy the requirements of Annexure C, Sealant Properties.

**Fire Pillows**
Fire rated bags that resemble pillows that are specifically for sealing penetrations where cables pass through walls etc. Fire pillows shall be type tested and shall satisfy the requirements of Annexure C, Sealant Properties.

**Fire Rating**
The period that a firestopped seal will withstand the fire test without permitting the passage of flame through openings, or the occurrence of flaming on any element of the unexposed side of the seal.

**Firestopping**
Measures that are adopted to prevent the spread of fire, smoke, and acid residues from one compartment to another.

**Fire Resistance Level (FRL)**
The ability of an element of construction, component or structure to maintain its structural adequacy, integrity and thermal insulation during exposure to a fire for a specific fire resistance period.

**Fuel Source**
Any combustible item that will burn and will sustain a fire; such as some type of cable insulation (PVC, XLPE, HDPE etc), oil, paper, timber, etc. Concrete, porcelain, bare copper conductors, and other exposed steel or metallic objects are not considered to be fuel sources.

**Ignition Source**
A source of energy sufficient to ignite a flammable atmosphere

**Intumescent**
Expands when heated.

**Major LV Cables**
Cables associated with the auxiliary transformer supply, main AC switchboards and submains.

**Mastic Sealant**
A sealant that can be used to provide a gas seal only.

**Moisture**
Intermittent exposure to water such as by rain and does not submerge the seal.

**Network Standard**
A document, including Network Planning Standards, that describes the Company's minimum requirements for planning, design, construction, maintenance, technical specification, environmental, property and metering activities on the distribution and transmission network. These documents are stored in the Network Category of the BMS repository.

**Penetration Loading**
The aggregated cross sectional area of cables or busbars that occupy a related cross sectional area of a penetration.

**Penetration Seals**
The fire-stopping system used to seal openings in walls, floors or ceilings that carry cables or busbars.

**Pre-seal**
A seal that is formed outside the penetration usually due to penetrations congested with cables (more than 60% of the penetration occupied by cables). Can also be used where there is insufficient depth in the opening to accommodate the seal.

**Project Development**
A branch under the Ausgrid organisational structure

**Review date**
The review date displayed in the header of the document is the future date for review of a document. The default period is three years from the date of approval however a review may be mandated at any time where a need is identified. Potential needs for a review include changes in legislation, organisational changes, restructures, occurrence of an incident or changes in technology or work practice and/or identification of efficiency improvements.

**Secondary Cables**
Cables used within a substation for control, protection, communications
and metering purposes.

**Submersion**
Where one side of a seal is completely covered in a depth of water for a short or long period of time.

**Substation**
Includes sub-transmission substations, zone substations, switching stations, distribution substations, customer substations, control points, chambers for control and metering of supply to high voltage connections (HVCs), and any other installations where contract documents or other instructions specify that this Network Standard is to apply.

**Temperature Rating**
The temperature rise above initial, on the unexposed (non-fire side) face of a sample due to transmission of heat during the temperature rating period, measured by any thermocouple on the unexposed face.

The transmission of heat through the sample during the rating period shall not raise the temperature measured by any thermocouple on the unexposed face by more than 180°C above its initial temperature.

**Temporary Firestopping**
Firestopping intended to remain in service for a short period of time. Typically, the duration shall not exceed six (6) months and shall be significantly less at high risk locations. Approval is required for any longer durations due to work sequencing, staged equipping etc.

**Trafficable area**
Any area in a floor, corridor or passageway where there are no barriers in place to prevent persons from stepping on the seals.

**Underwriter Laboratory**
An insurance organisation that provides testing and approvals for firestopping products to be used for specific applications.
5.0 FIRE RISK

5.1 General
Without firestopping, a fire may spread and damage other parts of the substation building simply by finding its way through any penetration no matter how small.

The fire propagation velocity for PVC insulated cable bundles can be 20 m/m (metres/minute) for vertical installation, and 5 m/m for horizontal installation, as determined by the British Central Electricity Generating Board (CEGB). Other types of plastic insulation, such as polyethylene or polypropylene will propagate fire more quickly.

Standard concrete or sand cement is not fire rated when used as a sealant where cables pass through penetrations.

A fire that is tracking along a cable may pass through a penetration that has been sealed with standard concrete or sand cement and will possibly burst out the sealant in the process.

In addition to generic fire ignition sources (e.g. human error), fires could also be started when oil filled electrical equipment such as transformers or oil filled switchgear fail. When this occurs, the fire is fuelled by the oil and also possibly by bituminous compound in busbar compartments or end boxes. Other fuel sources include the secondary, HV and LV cables and the low voltage boards.

Importantly, the damage to a substation is not just limited to the spread of flames, but includes the damage caused by fire fighting and the spread of hydrochloric acid and smoke damage from any burning PVC coated secondary cables.

Firestopping limits the extent of cable and equipment damage and the amount of fire spread from burning cable insulation.

5.2 Fire risk during construction
A risk assessment shall be conducted to identify the appropriate stages of the construction and/or commissioning processes that firestopping is to be installed.

The risk assessment should be undertaken by a person or persons competent in assessing the fire risks. Based on the findings of the risk assessment, penetrations shall be fire stopped where deemed to be necessary. Penetrations that do not have cables in place as yet shall also be considered.

The firestopping in new buildings shall be installed in stages in accordance with the risk assessment. During these stages, the use of easily installed and removable firestopping such as fire pillows may be more appropriate.

The progressive installation of firestopping shall be included as a check item in inspections conducted by Ausgrid’s Project Manager or delegated officer.

The risk assessment shall consider and document the following items when performing the assessment:

(a) Most accidents occur when commissioning new equipment.

(b) All non-ventilation openings should be considered, not just openings carrying cables.

(c) Building fire systems may not be fully operational.

(d) Fire zoning into multiple compartments should be considered where substation design permits.

(e) Fire rated protection to cables by boxing in cables may be necessary in high risk locations. This will also provide mechanical protection.

(f) Re-instating firestopping on a daily basis should be considered during installation of equipment.

(g) Hot work may occur during construction and cable jointing.

(h) Storage of materials and building refuse will occur during construction.
(i) The cost and risk associated with loss of equipment if a fire occurred prior to or after commissioning should be assessed.

During the installation of equipment, consideration should be given to installing temporary firestopping where appropriate.

Prior to commissioning equipment in new substations or altering existing substations, the associated fire stopping for that equipment and compartment shall be fully installed.

Firestopping needs shall be continuously monitored during all phases of construction and commissioning.

6.0 MATERIAL SAFETY

6.1 General
Both new and existing firestopping materials may contain harmful ingredients and appropriate measures must be taken to manage any risks.

6.2 Safety data sheets
A copy of current Safety Data Sheets (SDS) shall be readily available at all times when firestopping products are being installed, removed, disturbed or interfered with in any way. These SDS's are required by Work Health and Safety legislation and must be provided for all products.

Safety Data Sheets (SDS) shall be followed and complied with when using firestopping materials.

Safe Work Method Statements must be provided and contain the safe method of work to be followed including storage, handling, disposal and clean up after use. All staff and contractors (including ASPs) must be trained in the application of the Safe Work Method Statements.

6.3 Existing seals

6.3.1 Man-made mineral fibres (MMMF)
Some existing fire seals may contain inhalable Man Made Mineral Fibres (MMMF). There are now alternate products that do not contain inhalable MMMF and these shall be used for all new installations.

Where existing seals containing MMMF need to be disturbed or removed, precautionary measures shall be used to mitigate against the potential hazards associated with this material. The requirements shall consist of the following;

(a) Personal protective equipment (PPE) equivalent to "Level 1" under the Work Procedures General of NS211 Working with Asbestos Products, and consisting of:

(i) half face respirator with P2 particulate filter
(ii) disposable Nitrile gloves or leather gloves
(iii) gum boots or boot covers

(b) Material potentially containing MMMF shall be wetted down using water or a wetting agent like PVA/water solution prior to removal. The removal procedure shall be designed to minimise and control the generation of dust using a water spray method when applicable and the careful application of hand tools. Power tools shall not be used unless a procedure has been approved that specifically allows their use.

(c) All waste material potentially containing MMMF shall be single bagged in heavy duty low density 200µm thick polyethylene bags. Currently, the waste classification of this material is General solid waste (in accordance with DECCW's Waste Classification Guidelines) and disposal can be into general waste bins.
6.3.2 **Asbestos**
Some existing fire seals may contain asbestos, in particular old NC compound. Additionally, some duct lines and cable bandage tape may also contain asbestos. Refer to Section 7.0 Asbestos.

7.0 **ASBESTOS**
Asbestos shall not be reused. Refer to Ausgrid’s Asbestos Location Register for details on asbestos locations. Removal and disposal of asbestos shall be in accordance with NS211 and to The National Occupational Health and Safety Commission’s NOHSC: 3002 (1988) and NOHSC: 2002(1988) requirements.

8.0 **FIRESTOPPING OF PENETRATIONS**

8.1 **General**
Unless indicated otherwise by this Network Standard, all services that penetrate building elements that are required to have a Fire Resistance Level (FRL) or a resistance to the incipient spread of fire shall be sealed to provide compartmentalisation. Where the requirements for the extent of compartmentalisation is not clear refer to Ausgrid’s Network Standards, Annexure B of this document and Ausgrid Primary Systems for direction.

8.2 **Fire rating of penetration seals**
NS187 Passive Fire Mitigation Design of Substations nominates the minimum FRL required for the various building compartments and elements affected by potential fire sources.

On this basis, Ausgrid’s approved penetration seals are required to achieve a fire rating as indicated in Table 1 below (derived in part from NS187).
### Table 1 – Minimum fire rating of penetration seals – Fire source

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<th>Fire Source</th>
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<td>Other oil filled equipment</td>
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<td>Cable marshalling areas (basements etc) (see Note 5.)</td>
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<td>Battery Room (where provided)</td>
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<td>Battery Enclosures</td>
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<td>Capacitors (where provided)</td>
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* Refer to Project Development for suitable penetration seal design details.

### Table 2 – Minimum fire rating of penetration seals - Function

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**Notes:**
1. Penetration seals shall adopt the highest fire rating applicable to either side of the building element being penetrated.
2. The fire rating of all penetration seals shall meet or exceed the fire resistance period noted in Tables 1 and 2.
3. Ausgrid may require a higher fire resistance period than those nominated in Tables 1 and 2 for specific sites where loss of supply and/or safety issues dictate.

4. Applicable only to the penetration seals at these locations. A higher fire resistance period (4 hours) is required by NS187 for the associated building elements to ensure survival and re-use of the structure.

5. Penetration seals may not be required for conduits in external basement walls under specific conditions. Refer to Clause 8.3.

The penetration seals are also required to achieve an equivalent temperature rating. However where this is not possible due to heat transfer through the cable core, suitable cable fire protection is to be provided over a minimum length of 300mm to prevent the cable from igniting on the other side. Refer to Annexure B for approved penetration seals.

In some instances a higher fire and temperature rating may be required by the BCA or other relevant specification, code or standard. Where a greater fire rating is required, refer to Ausgrid Primary Systems.

A reduced fire rating may be acceptable for short-term, temporary penetration seals installed during the equipping and commissioning stages. Where a reduced fire rating is proposed, refer to Ausgrid Primary Systems.

Ausgrid may accept alternative designs for penetration seals where the approved penetration seals are deemed to be unsuitable. Alternative designs shall meet or exceed the performance requirements for approved penetration seals and shall have a relevant testing certificate. All alternative designs shall be subject to the written approval of Ausgrid Project Development.

Annexure D, Figure D.1 provides a flowchart which summarises the requirements of this Network Standard for firestopping using penetration seals.

8.3 Basement penetration seals
Penetration seals are not required for conduits in external basement walls provided the conduits comply with all of the following requirements:

- are buried below ground or fully encased outside the basement wall; and
- do not lead to any oil filled equipment enclosures (e.g. transformers); and
- do not enter an adjacent cable installation facility within a distance of 10m; and
- are clearly labelled as external conduits within the basement; and
- have been granted prior approval by Ausgrid for deletion of the penetration seal at specific locations.

All other conduits in external basement walls shall have appropriate penetration seals applied in accordance with this Network Standard.

Conduits in external basement walls may require the use of water seals to prevent the ingress of water into the basement. Refer to Clause 8.12 for requirements relating to water seals.

8.4 Sealing of elongated penetrations
Where penetration seals are required, conduits, ducts and cable risers that penetrate a building element shall generally be sealed at both ends.

The purpose of sealing both ends is to ensure that no penetration seals will be missed. There is also a possibility that if both ends were not sealed, a fire would spread to other parts of the building via a wall cavity or void between the faces of the walls.

For short penetration lengths, a one-sided penetration seal may be permitted where all of the followings requirements are satisfied:

- the penetration is less than 500mm in length; and
- there is no cavity or void in the wall or floor element; and
- the penetration seal is visible from the other side.
Where applied to suspended floors, one-sided penetration seals shall be applied to the underside (soffit or ceiling side) of the floor.

8.5 Structural adequacy of penetrations through floors

Pedestrian traffic on fire seals is to be prevented as a person could fall through the penetration and the seal can be damaged. Therefore the measures indicated below are required to protect the seal and to prevent pedestrians from falling through.

1. The following are all the requirements for cable penetrations in corridors, passageways or floors where pedestrian loading is possible:
   (a) Provide handrails where possible to prevent traffic over the seal or provide trafficable deck plates over seal with a 20 mm gap underneath; and
   (b) Paint ‘No Step’ on the seal at 1.5 metre intervals and at open sections; and
   (c) Provide support underneath for accidental pedestrian loading.

2. The following are all the requirements for cable penetrations greater than 200 mm in width in non-trafficable areas:
   (a) Paint ‘No Step’ on the seal at 1.5 metre intervals and at open sections; and
   (b) Provide support underneath for accidental pedestrian loading

3. The following are all the requirements for cable penetrations less than 200 mm in width in non-trafficable areas:
   (a) Paint ‘No Step’ on the seal at 1.5 metres intervals and at open sections; and
   (b) Provide support underneath for dead weight of the fire seal.

Any structural supports shall conform to relevant Australian Standards including, but not limited to:

- AS/NZS 1170 Structural design actions – Series
- AS 3600 Concrete structures
- AS 4100 Steel structures

The underneath supports of fire seals in Items 1 and 2 above shall be designed for an accidental pedestrian loading of 1 kN point load or 0.25 kPa whichever is greater. Trafficable deck plates shall be designed in accordance with the loading requirements in AS/NZS 1170.

8.6 PVC conduits

Exposed internal PVC conduits (e.g. VESDA, small wiring etc) can provide a fuel source. Unless treated with the appropriate seal, they allow a fire to be easily spread by the conduit giving way when heated, or through the inside of the pipe itself, or along the cables inside.

To prevent the spread of fire in conduits, an intumescent seal is required for those building elements required to have a FRL. An approved intumescent seal is detailed in Annexure B, Drawing A4-125652.

Where waterproofing of the conduits is also a requirement alternate approved firestopping measures shall be used. Refer to Clause 8.12.

Note: This Network Standard addresses electrical conduits only.

8.7 Penetrations for other services

This Network Standard covers electrical services only, however, appropriate consideration shall be given to all other service penetrations. Where penetration seals are required, these shall be installed to provide a fire and temperature rating in accordance with this Network Standard.

Note: The BCA requires all services running through fire barriers to be firestopped without exception. In some instances, the BCA or other relevant standard may require a higher fire rating.
8.8 Provision of access points for cable fault location
Where floor penetration seals are required below a group of high voltage switchgear, an access point shall be provided near the switchgear group for temporary installation of earth cables during cable fault location.

The access point shall be a 125 mm diameter PVC conduit through the full thickness of the seal. The PVC conduit shall be filled with a fire pillow, which can be removed during fault location, and reinstated afterwards. Where sheeting supports the seal, the 125 mm diameter PVC conduit shall be located over a 50 mm diameter hole in the sheeting.

Note: The requirements of this clause do not apply to distribution substations.

8.9 Access points for further cable access
Where large mortar seals are provided and it is envisaged that frequent future access is required, spare conduits shall be placed as needed to allow easy access and resealing for additional cables. Refer to Annexure B, Drawing A4-128118 for details.

This does not apply to switchgear cable slots where the requirements of Clause 8.8 apply.

8.10 Protective coatings for seals
Where required, a protective coating shall be provided to protect the seal from exposure to moisture such as rain (not full submersion) or to oil. Refer to Annexure B for approved protective coatings.

8.11 Reinstating existing penetration seals
8.11.1 Requirements
All existing penetration seals which are disturbed by new works in the substation shall be reinstated to a level that is equivalent, or better, than the original seal.

Existing penetration seals that are partially disturbed shall be reinstated using the same approved product as the original seal. Where this cannot be achieved, the entire seal shall be replaced using the approved product specific installation details included in Annexure B.

The reinstatement of existing firestopping shall be the direct responsibility of the works Project Manager, Project Officer or Supervisor, as applicable. Reinstatement of fire stopping and shall be included as a check item in the routine and final inspections of works on site to be conducted by the Site Manager.

Disturbed penetration seals shall be reinstated prior to leaving the site on a daily basis. During ongoing site works the use of easily installed and removable temporary firestopping such as fire pillows may be appropriate.

Where an entire seal has been removed or disturbed it shall be reinstated in accordance with this Network Standard. See Clause 8.11.2 below for reinstatement requirements for larger penetrations.

Any structural support systems and signs shall be reinstated to this Network Standard and made safe at all times.

8.11.2 Reinstating large penetration seals
Where a small amount of disturbance has occurred in a large penetration, eg a new cable in a long switchgear cable slot, advice shall be sought from Ausgrid Project Development for requirements for reinstating the seal prior to removing the material.

For large disturbances the entire seal shall be replaced in accordance with this Network Standard.

8.12 Water seals
Where water seals are required, do not use firestopping products. There is no guarantee that some firestopping products will work if submerged for any length of time. Additionally, non-porous fire seals may dislodge due to water head pressure. Water proofing of substations is not covered in this Network Standard.
At locations where an effective water seal cannot be provided, consideration should be given to suitable drainage of firestopping products using a small diameter drainage line or appropriate spacing of cable fire pillow seals.

8.13 Signage and identification

Each compartment that has been fire sealed is to be provided with a firestopping sign as detailed in Annexure A.

All penetration seals shall be identified using a suitable system which allows for ease of reference and future maintenance. The identification of each seal shall include the following information as a minimum;

- A unique number for the site
- A general location marker (i.e. BA = Basement)
- The date of installation
- The product name or material used for the seal

Where possible, the numbering system should align with the conduit numbering adopted for the substation.

8.14 Installation certification

8.14.1 General

Certification is required to ensure the product is installed or applied to the manufacturer’s requirements.

8.14.2 New installations

It is the responsibility of the approved installer to provide certification that all seals are installed to the manufacturer’s requirements. The approved installer shall certify that they have undertaken the firestopping in accordance with this Network Standard and the manufacturer’s recommendations. Certification documentation or otherwise must be provided to Ausgrid Project Development.

8.14.3 Cable slots

Where the top of the penetration seal is not visible (e.g., in a slot between a switch room and a cable basement, where switchgear restricts access to the top of the slot), it will be necessary to measure the seal installation depth by other means, such as by obtaining an Access Permit and opening a panel to test the depth.

The tool used to test the depth shall be non-conductive and not damaging to cable sheaths. A suitable tool may be made from a section of PVC conduit, of diameter not more than 25 mm, and with the end bevelled on the outside at 30° to the axis of the conduit.

The hole made by the tool shall be restored with penetration seal product equivalent to the original, for the full depth of the seal, promptly after the depth test has been completed.

8.14.4 Long term management

Regular inspection and maintenance is required in accordance with AS 1851 to ensure the integrity of fire segregation. Also refer to the requirements of the Building Code of Australia.

8.15 Final inspection

Following completion of the installation works, Ausgrid Project Development, or its delegated representative, shall arrange for a final inspection and sign-off to ensure that the extent of installation works comply with the requirements and intent of this Network Standard.

The “approved installer” shall rectify any defects or outstanding items identified and shall undertake any additional works where directed by Ausgrid.
9.0 **CABLE FIRE PROTECTION**

9.1 **General**

Cable fire protection can be in the form of approved cable coating products, approved cable wraps and blankets, or approved flame retardant cable sheaths.

The extent of approved application of cable fire protection is detailed below. All other applications of cable fire protection shall be assessed on a site by site basis and prior written authorisation obtained from Ausgrid Primary Systems.

The objective behind fire protection of cables is to remove the ability of a cable to provide a fuel source in a fire.

Annexure D, Figure D2 provides a flowchart which summarises the requirements of this Network Standard for cable fire protection.

9.2 **Protection for cable penetration seals**

Cable fire protection that is shown as part of an approved product specific installation detail (refer to Annexure B) must be installed.

Cable fire protection at these locations is required as a part of a cable penetration seal to prevent the cable from igniting due to heat conduction along the cable core.

9.3 **Secondary cables in buildings**

9.3.1 **Control rooms**

Secondary cables located within a control room shall not be cable fire protected unless approved in writing by Ausgrid Primary Systems.

Where cable fire protection is deemed necessary and cables enter control or protection panels, the cable fire protection shall not extend into the panel.

Cable identification tags are to be kept free of any coating.

9.3.2 **Basements, trenches, cable risers and other internal locations**

Secondary cables should be segregated from the following potential hazards wherever possible:

- Arc chutes on IAC switchgear which face directly onto, and are in the immediate vicinity of, the secondary cables,
- Major LV cables and distribution boards,
- HV cable joints,
- HV cables,
- Other site specific hazards as advised by Ausgrid.

In addition, secondary cables should also be segregated as follows wherever possible:

- “A” scheme and “B” scheme secondary cables segregated from each other when they are exposed to a common potential hazard.

The preferred segregation is either spatial separation sufficient to prevent ignition, or a suitably fire rated barrier protecting the secondary cables.

Where effective segregation cannot be achieved, suitable measures should be considered to locally fire protect the following exposed secondary cables only:

- At locations in the direct path of arc fault products from IAC switchgear,
- At locations in close proximity to major LV cables and distribution boards,
- For Sydney CBD zone substations – at locations in close proximity to any 11kV cable joints,
- At other specific high hazard locations nominated by Ausgrid.
Further cable fire protection of secondary cables is not required. Approval shall be obtained from Ausgrid Primary Systems where more extensive cable fire protection is proposed.

The design of local fire protection measures proposed for secondary cables shall be subject to the review and written approval of Ausgrid Project Development. The local fire protection measures should aim to shield the exposed secondary cables from the short term effects of heat and/or flame arising from an arc fault, a failure of a nearby major LV cable, failure of a CBD 11kV cable joint, or other specific hazard.

Cable coating shall not be used for cable fire protection of secondary cables unless approved in writing by Ausgrid Primary Systems.

9.4 HV and major LV cables in buildings

9.4.1 Basements, trenches, cable galleries and vertical surface mounted cables

High voltage cables should be segregated from the following potential hazards wherever possible:

- Major LV cables,
- Cable joints in other HV cables (where present),
- Congested HV cable locations to the extent possible,
- Other site specific hazards as advised by Ausgrid.

The preferred segregation is either spatial separation sufficient to prevent ignition, or a suitably fire rated barrier protecting the HV cables.

Where effective segregation cannot be achieved, suitable measures should be considered to locally fire protect the following exposed HV cables only:

- At locations in close proximity to major LV cables
- At locations with exposed, multiple storey, vertical surface mounted cables,
- For Sydney CBD zone substation 11kV cable joints – at the joint and for a length of cable on either side,
- For Sydney CBD zone substations – at locations in close proximity to any 11kV cable joints in other cables,
- At locations of highly congested HV cable crossover points,
- At other specific high hazard or critical locations nominated by Ausgrid.

In addition, cable fire protection shall be provided to HV cable penetration seals as required by Clause 9.2.

For major LV cables where effective segregation cannot be achieved, suitable measures should be considered to locally fire protect the following exposed major LV cables only:

- At locations in close proximity to other major LV cables:

Further cable fire protection of HV cables and major LV cables is not required. Approval shall be obtained from Ausgrid Primary Systems where more extensive cable fire protection is proposed.

Where required, HV cables and major LV cables should be cable fire protected using one of the following measures as applicable:

(a) Approved flame retardant cable sheath material for 11kV cables, or
(b) Approved cable coating for HV and major LV cables, or
(c) Approved cable wraps for HV and major LV cables.

Cable fire protection for HV and major LV cables, as noted in this clause, is not required where there are other effective means of fire protection in the compartment, such as the installation of sprinklers.

The application of cable coating to HV and major LV cables shall be in accordance with the manufacturer’s requirements and this Network Standard. Masking-off to protect against overspray
is generally only required for the floor area and for sensitive plant items. Additional masking-off of other areas should only be undertaken where essential or where minimal additional cost is incurred.

Note: The requirements of this clause do not apply to distribution substations.

9.5 Cable coating in external switchyards
Cable coating shall be provided in the splash zone in front of oil filled equipment as described in Annexure B, Drawing A4-128123 in order to prevent catastrophic failures causing trench fires.

Cable coating shall not be provided elsewhere for cables in cable trenches or at other locations in external switchyards unless approved in writing by Ausgrid Primary Systems.

Alternative measures for fire protection of critical external cables should be considered at identified high risk locations. Typical high risk locations include the following;

(a) Substations deemed to be in bushfire prone areas where cables and other equipment is exposed to radiant heat and possible ember attack

(b) Areas adjacent to oil filled transformers which may be subject to oil fire radiant heat effects but are located outside the bunded areas.

NS187 Passive Fire Mitigation Design of Substations provides guidance on the radiant heat exposure limits for cables and other elements within substations.

10.0 AUSGRID LIST OF APPROVED PRODUCTS AND PRODUCT SPECIFIC INSTALLATION DETAILS
Firestopping products shall be supplied and installed only by Ausgrid approved installers and approved suppliers.

Ausgrid’s currently approved product specific installation details are included in Annexure B. These penetration seal details are designed to achieve a fire rating as indicated.

The penetration seals are also designed to achieve an equivalent temperature rating. However where this is not possible due to heat transfer through the cable core, suitable cable fire protection is to be provided over a minimum length of 300mm to prevent the cable from igniting on the other side. The cable coating details are designed to minimise the spread of fire along cable routes.

Firestopping systems shall be installed to the approved product specific installation details as shown in Annexure B and the manufacturer’s instructions.

Modifications will NOT be allowed to the approved product specific installation details unless prior written approval is granted by Ausgrid Project Development and a relevant testing certificate is provided.
11.0 RECORDKEEPING

The table below identifies the types of records relating to the process, their storage location and retention period.

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* The following retention periods are subject to change eg if the records are required for legal matters or legislative changes. Before disposal, retention periods should be checked and authorised by the Records Manager.

12.0 AUTHORITIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

For this network standard the authorities and responsibilities of Ausgrid employees and managers in relation to content, management and document control of this network standard can be obtained from the Company Procedure (Network) – Production / Review of Engineering Technical Documents within BMS. The responsibilities of persons for the design or construction work detailed in this network standard are identified throughout this standard in the context of the requirements to which they apply.

13.0 DOCUMENT CONTROL

Content Coordinator : Manager Asset Engineering, Policy and Standards
Distribution Coordinator : Engineering Information and Services Manager
Annexure A – Firestopping Seal Identification and Details Markers

The sign in this Annexure is to be applied once the firestopping is completed.

Fire seal identification markers, as indicated, must be A4 size.
Annexure B – Ausgrid’s Approved Product Specific Installation Details

Ausgrid’s currently approved product specific installation details are included in this Annexure. The use of these approved products is only accepted by Ausgrid when installed in accordance with the following approved product specific installation details.

Modifications will NOT be allowed to the approved product specific installation details unless prior approval is granted by Ausgrid Project Development and a relevant testing certificate is provided.

Where a suitable detail does not exist for a specific installation, contact Ausgrid Project Development for guidance.

Variations and additions to these details may be included in future amendments to this Network Standard. It is therefore essential that the users of this Network Standard refer to the latest version including all amendments.

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Annexure C – Sealant Properties

The purpose of this Annexure is to specify the properties required for cable coating and penetration seals that provide firestopping to substation buildings.

To be accepted for use in Ausgrid’s substations, the products or system of products shall satisfy all of the following requirements detailed below. Approved products and approved product specific installation details are listed in Annexure B.

C.1 Fire and temperature rating requirements

In general, fire sealing products shall be capable of achieving the required fire rating and the equivalent temperature rating (where possible) unless they are providing a gas seal only. In some instances a higher fire and temperature rating may be required by the BCA or other relevant specification, code or standard.

The fire test with an appropriate test period shall comply with the details for penetration loading and cable types shown on Drawing 128080. Details of the proposed product system to achieve Ausgrid’s requirements shall be provided by the supplier/manufacturer.

Where the temperature rating for cable penetrations cannot be achieved for cable types shown on Drawing 128080, measures shall be put in place to prevent the cables igniting before the end of the fire test period.

Note: For fire retardant coatings, product approvals relate to various international classifications not based on fire time/temperature ratings.

C.2 Approved testing standards

All products used by Ausgrid shall have testing that reflects Ausgrid’s requirements in terms of cable loading, size and types. Typical cable types can be found on Drawing 128080. Suppliers/manufacturers shall specify all limitations applicable to their products. All fire retardant Cable Coating products are to be approved by Factory Mutual for use as a fire retardant coating (which includes a cable de-rating test).

C.3 Health and safety

The product shall not be hazardous to workers during or after application, in its powder form, or when broken out. In the event of a fire, the product shall not emit toxic gases or substances.

Products that contain harmful ingredients will not be considered for use by Ausgrid where there is a less harmful alternative product.

C.4 Further testing and compliance

Fire and temperature penetration sealing products shall comply with AS 1530.4 Methods for fire tests on building materials, components and structure – Fire resistance tests of elements of buildings, and shall be tested to Factory Mutual and/or Underwriter Laboratory standards (or an Ausgrid approved equivalent), and shall be approved for application around cables that are typically found in Ausgrid substations. Compatibility with cable materials shall be demonstrated.

Where these test results are not available, or where Ausgrid is not satisfied with the level of testing performed, the product(s) shall then be tested to Underwriter Laboratory Standard UL 1479 ‘Fire Test on Through Penetration Fire Seals’, or AS 1530.4 using Drawing 128080.

It is important to ensure that supplier’s and manufacturer’s firestopping product performance is supported by test results, which are to Ausgrid approved testing standards. Test results shall be inspected by Ausgrid’s Project Development, to ensure that testing has provided for Ausgrid’s typical cable types and configurations. Where this has not occurred, Ausgrid may consider the level of testing unsatisfactory and will require further testing as detailed in this clause.

Where a supplier/manufacturer provides test results that do not satisfy Ausgrid’s requirements for testing of products; the supplier/manufacturer, when requested by Ausgrid, shall re-test the products at their expense, in accordance with Ausgrid’s requirements. Ausgrid will provide the test penetration cables and cable tray only for the test.
C.5  **Structural capacity**
The cable mortar supplier shall verify that their products are self-spanning for a distance up to 800 mm (without pedestrian loading and without supports). Where supports are required for pedestrian loading and self-weight, suppliers are to verify that the details in Annexure B are sufficient for the required loading (Refer to Clause 8.5 for loading details).

C.6  **Consistency**
The consistency of mortar type seals shall be able to be altered for various application methods, including pumping where applicable.

C.7  **Removal**
Once in place and set, cable mortar product shall be easily removable with hand tools with minimum effort, to avoid damage to existing cables. Product suppliers shall submit a procedure for the product removal method. The product removal method shall not require the use of electrically conductive tools, or sharp objects, which could damage cables.

Ausgrid will assess the ease of product removal for each of its intended applications. As part of this assessment, Ausgrid shall give consideration and preference to products that allow the safe removal of product from around energised cables.

Fire retardant cable coating is required to be non-removable once applied.

C.8  **Intumescent seals**
Cable fire pillows, cable bricks and cable putty must all be intumescent to a minimum of 30% of the original volume of the product when exposed to heat. Products must not expand below 100°C.

C.9  **Non shrink requirements**
Cable mortar shall not shrink when cured.

C.10 **Weather resistance**
Where subjected to external application, all firestopping products shall be weatherproof and UV proof. A system of various products may be used to provide a weatherproof and UV proof seal.

Cable coating products shall be weatherproof, UV proof and resistant to water penetration when submerged.

C.11 **Resistance to oil**
All firestopping products shall be able to resist exposure to oil and still function as intended. Systems of products are permitted to achieve oil resistance. If penetrations, including conduits, have openings less than 100 mm above floor level (eg in a pit), the sealant shall also prevent the spread of any oil spillage.

C.12 **Vermin and termite**
It is essential for all firestopping products to be vermin and termite resistant or to be provided with other means of preventing attack.

C.13 **Design life**
The Design Life of fire stopping products shall be not less than 30 years, and the Design Life for cable coating systems should be suitable for the typical substation/cable life, i.e. 50 years.

C.14 **Compatibility**
The materials and installation techniques of all firestopping and cable coating products shall be physically, chemically, electrically and thermally compatible with the relevant cable materials and other electrical equipment, to ensure that there is no adverse reaction or damage to the cables or other electrical equipment.

**Note:** Cable coating systems shall not cause any electrical de-rating.
Annexure D – Flowcharts

Figure D1
NS171- Firestopping in Substations

Start

Is the penetration for an electrical service?

Yes

Consider use of penetration seals where required. All service penetrations shall comply with the BCA Clause 8.7

No

Does the electrical service penetrate a building element?

Yes

Does the building element have an FRL?

Yes

NS 171 does not apply

No

No

Does Ausgrid require compartmentation for the room

Yes

Penetration seals for conduits below ground are not required

No

Provide a penetration seal to achieve the required fire rating (e.g. FRL-1/180/180) Clause 8.2

Is the building element an external basement wall with conduits below ground >10m long Clause 8.3

Yes

No

Is the service penetration seal temporary?

Yes

Obtain Ausgrid approval for any reduced FRL proposed

No

End

No

Yes

Yes

No
Ensure structural adequacy & support for penetrations as required Clause 8.5

Ensure elongated penetrations (>500mm) are sealed at both ends Clause 8.4

Provide cable coating at penetration seals where required Clause 9.2

Provide appropriate seals for PVC conduits where required Clause 8.6

Obtain Ausgrid approval for any higher FRLs proposed

Can an approved penetration seal be used Annexure B

Design an alternative penetration seal

Is the Alternative Design approved by Ausgrid

Do any additional BCA requirements apply

Can an approved penetration seal be used Annexure B

Yes

No

Yes

No

No
Provide for the following as required in Clauses 8.8 to 8.13
- Access for fault location
- Protective coatings
- Future cable access
- Reinstatement
- Water seals
- Signage

Arrange for certification of penetration seals and products
Clause 8.14

Does the installation pass Final Inspection by Ausgrid
Clause 8.15

Yes

End

No

Additional works and/or rectification of defects to be undertaken by Installer
Clause 8.15
Figure D2a
NS 171- Cable Fire Protection in Substations

Is cable coating or fire protection specifically required by Section 9

Yes

Secondary Cables
Clause 9.3

Are the secondary cables in the Control Room

Yes

No cable fire protection unless approved by Ausgrid Clause 9.3.1

No

End

End

Cable Penetration Seals
Clause 9.2

Provide cable fire protection at penetration seals where required

End

No

All other applications are to be approved by Ausgrid Section 9

End

Yes

Basements, Trenches, Cable Risers and other internal locations

Is effective segregation of secondary cables possible from:
- specified HV & LV hazards
- "A" from "B" scheme
Clause 9.3.2

Yes

Use suitable segregation measures (spatial, physical) to protect these secondary cables where possible
Clause 9.3.2

No

End

No

HV & LV Cables
Clause 9.4

No cable fire protection unless approved by Ausgrid Clause 9.3.1

External Switchyards
Clause 9.5

Refer to Figure D2b

Refer to Figure D2b

Start
No further cable fire protection required unless approved by Ausgrid

Design suitable local fire protection measures for exposed secondary cables

Cable coating shall not be used on secondary cables unless approved by Ausgrid

Do the local fire protection measures have Ausgrid approval?

Yes

No

Consider local fire protection for the following exposed secondary cables ONLY:
- In direct path of arc fault products
- Near major LV cables
- Near Sydney CBD 11kV cable joints
- At Ausgrid nominated high hazard locations

Clause 9.3.2
Figure D2b
NS 171- Cable Fire Protection in Substations

Start

Is cable coating or fire protection specifically required by Section 9

Yes

All other applications are to be approved by Ausgrid

Section 9

End

No

Cable Penetration Seals
Clause 9.2

Secondary Cables
Clause 9.3

HV & LV Cables
Clause 9.4

External Switchyards
Clause 9.5

Refer to Figure D2a

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Are the HV & LV cables in a distribution substation

Yes

No

Basements, Trenches, Cable Galleries and Vertical Surface Mounted Cables

Is a fire protection system (eg sprinklers) installed in the compartment

Yes

No

No cable fire protection is required

No further cable coating unless approved by Ausgrid

Are the external cables critical

Yes

No

Provide cable coating to the splash zone in front of oil filled equipment

Clause 9.5

Refer to Figure D2a

Clause 9.5
Is effective segregation of HV & LV cables from specified HV & LV hazards possible?

No further cable fire protection is required

Use suitable segregation measures (spatial, physical) to protect HV & LV cables where possible

Clause 9.4

Consider local fire protection for the following exposed major LV cables ONLY;
- Adjacent to other major LV cables

Clause 9.4

Consider local fire protection for the following exposed HV cables ONLY;
- Adjacent to major LV cables
- Vertical surface mounted cables
- Sydney CBD 11kV cable joints and adjacent cables
- Highly congested cable crossover points
- At Ausgrid nominated high hazard locations

Clause 9.4

No further cable fire protection required unless approved by Ausgrid

Design suitable cable fire protection using ONE of the following measures as applicable;
- Flame retardant cable sheaths for 11kV
- Cable coating for HV and LV
- Cable wraps for HV and LV

Clause 9.4

No additional fire protection measures required for cables

Consider alternative fire protection measures at high risk locations exposed to;
- Bushfire radiant heat
- Bushfire ember attack
- TX fire radiant heat

Clause 9.5

Clause 9.5

End

End
### Annexure E – Sample Compliance Checklist

#### Network Standard Checklist Form

**NS171 Firestopping in Substations**

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<td><strong>Scope</strong></td>
<td>This Network Standard for the installation of firestopping materials in openings in substation walls, floors and ceilings applies in particular to penetrations caused by cables, cable ducts, encased busbars and other openings unique to an electrical substation</td>
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<td><strong>Fire Risk &amp; Material Safety</strong></td>
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<td>1</td>
<td>During construction a risk assessment has been conducted to determine the appropriate stages of construction that firestopping is to be installed.</td>
<td>5.2</td>
<td>Yes/No/NA</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>Firestopping installed at appropriate stages during construction in accordance with risk assessment.</td>
<td>5.2</td>
<td>Yes/No/NA</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>Temporary firestopping installed during construction as appropriate.</td>
<td>5.2</td>
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<td>4</td>
<td>Safety data sheets available at the work site when firestopping products installed/removed/disturbed or interfered with.</td>
<td>6.1</td>
<td>Yes/No/NA</td>
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<td>5</td>
<td>For all new installations materials that do not contain inhalable man-made mineral fibres were used.</td>
<td>6.2.1</td>
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<td>Appropriate PPE and precautions taken when inhalable man made mineral fibres encountered.</td>
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<td>Asbestos not used in new installations and not re-used in existing installations.</td>
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<td>All services that penetrate building elements that are required to have an FRL are sealed to provide compartmentalisation unless required otherwise by this NS171.</td>
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<td>Minimum FRLs associated with different fire rated areas are compliant with Table 1.</td>
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<td>Design of penetration seals are either compliant with this standard or an alternative design has been approved by Ausgrid.</td>
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<td>11</td>
<td>Penetration seal exemptions have been applied as allowed for external basement walls for qualifying criteria outline in Cl.8.3</td>
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<td>Penetration seals applied at both ends of a penetration except where permitted for the conditions listed Cl.8.4</td>
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<td>Yes/No/NA</td>
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<td>Penetrations through floors ensure that pedestrian safety has been safeguarded.</td>
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<td>For exposed conduits penetrating building elements requiring an FRL an intumescent seal has been applied.</td>
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<td>Where floor penetration seals are required an access conduit, sealed with a fire pillow, has been provided in locations where cable fault location is likely.</td>
<td>8.8</td>
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<td>Any penetration seals disturbed due to works on the penetrations will be re-installed.</td>
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<td>Firestopping products have not been used to provide a water seal.</td>
<td>8.12</td>
<td>Yes/No/NA</td>
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<td>Penetration seals identified using a suitable reference system.</td>
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<td>Certification has been provided that penetrations seals comply with manufacturers’ specification.</td>
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<td>Cable slot test holes have been resealed after testing using approved depth tester tool.</td>
<td>8.14.3</td>
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<td>A final inspection and sign-off of firestopping has been performed prior to commissioning.</td>
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<td>Cable fire protection has been provided as appropriate using either approved cable coating products, approved cable wraps and blankets, or approved flame retardant cable sheaths.</td>
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<td>Yes/No/NA</td>
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<td>24</td>
<td>Where cable fire protection is detailed as part of an approved product specific installation detail (Annexure B) then it has been applied.</td>
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<td>Yes/No/NA</td>
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<td>Cable fire protection does not extend into control or protection panels.</td>
<td>9.3.1</td>
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<td>Secondary cables have been segregated from the listed potential hazards.</td>
<td>9.3.2</td>
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<td>Where segregation of secondary cables is not achievable then suitable measures have been taken to protect the cables in the immediate vicinity of the identified hazards</td>
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<td>HV and LV cables have been segregated from the listed potential hazards.</td>
<td>9.4</td>
<td>Yes/No/NA</td>
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<td>Where segregation of HV and LV cables from other cabling is not achievable then suitable local fire protection has been provided as required by this clause</td>
<td>9.4</td>
<td>Yes/No/NA</td>
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<td>Cable fire protection of HV and LV cables has not been applied where other effective means of fire protection are available within the compartment.</td>
<td>9.4</td>
<td>Yes/No/NA</td>
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<td>31</td>
<td>Cable coating in external switchyards has been applied in the splashzone in front of oil filled equipment.</td>
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<td>Firestopping products have been supplied and installed only by Ausgrid approved suppliers or Ausgrid approved installers.</td>
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