CLAIMS

1. An apparatus for providing a watertight seal between an earthing rod and a slab; the apparatus comprising:

a support member mountable on the slab, the support member having a surface and a bore extending through the support member from an opening at the surface;

a first annular sealing means for sealing against the bore; and

a second annular sealing means for sealing against the rod;

wherein the first and second annular sealing means are disposed within the bore, in use, and wherein each sealing means is accessible from the surface of the support member when so disposed.

2. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein each sealing means comprises a compression ring and at least one O-ring.

3. The apparatus of claim 2, wherein a first O-ring of the first sealing means is ~~adapted~~ arranged to provide a watertight seal between the compression ring of the first sealing means and the bore, and a first O-ring of the second sealing means is ~~adapted~~ arranged to provide a water tight seal between the compression ring of the second sealing means and the rod.

4. The apparatus of claim 2 or claim 3, wherein the bore has a proximal end adjacent the opening and the compression rings of the first and second sealing means are, in use, disposed distally of the proximal end.

5. The apparatus of claim 4, wherein the compression ring of the first sealing means is, in use, disposed distally of the compression ring of the second sealing means.

6. The apparatus of claim 4, wherein the compression ring of the first sealing means is, in use, disposed proximally of the compression ring of the second sealing means.

7. The apparatus of any one of claims 3 to 5, wherein the first O-ring of the second sealing means is ~~adapted~~ arranged to provide a watertight seal between the first and second compression rings.

8. The apparatus of any one of claims 3, 4 or 6, wherein the first O-ring of the first sealing means is ~~adapted~~ arranged to provide a watertight seal between the first and second compression rings.

9. The apparatus of claim 3, wherein one of the first sealing means and the second sealing means comprises a second O-ring, the second O-ring ~~adapted~~ arranged to provide a watertight seal between the first and second compression rings.

10. The apparatus of any preceding claim, wherein one or more of the first and second sealing means comprises a flange adapted to facilitate engagement with said one or more sealing means, the flange extending, in use, to a location adjacent the opening.

11. The apparatus of any preceding claim, wherein one or more of the first and second sealing means comprises a notch adapted to facilitate engagement with said one or more sealing means, the notch positioned, in use, at a location adjacent the opening.

12. The apparatus of claim 11, when dependent on claim 10, wherein the first sealing means comprises a flange and the second sealing means comprises a notch.

13. The apparatus of claim 11, when dependent on claim 10, wherein the first sealing means comprises a notch and the second sealing means comprises a flange.

~~14. An apparatus substantially as herein described with reference to the accompanying drawings.~~