Message

From: Martin Stearne [martinstearne@sigplc.com]

Sent: 02/04/2015 14:45:51

To: Warren, Rob [rwarren@celotex.co.uk]

Subject: RE: Does this affect PIR?

Hi,

Thanks for that.

Never has the expression 'smoke and mirrors' been more appropriate.

I think I'll adopt a version of 'caveat emptor' and if specifically challenged use the rock fibre options. If I'm not challenged it'll be RS5000.

The clutch in my brain will be 'kicked in' in about an hour, March's expenses and mileage, then that'll do.

Have a Great Easter as well.

Kind Regards,

Martin Stearne.

Technical Manager.



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From: Warren, Rob [mailto:rwarren@celotex.co.uk]

Sent: 02 April 2015 14:12

To: Martin Stearne

Subject: RE: Does this affect PIR?

Hi Martin

The official Celotex view

Celotex are open about the test we have performed and we always include the Specification Guide and Rainscreen Cladding Guide (both attached) with any requests concerning the use of RS5000 above 18m. The key line being:

"The fire performance and classification report issued only relates to the components detailed above. Any changes to the components listed will need to be considered by the building designer".

Here is my view.

As you know, ultimately the specification of this product will depend on the opinion and interpretation of the requirements of the guidance that is given in Approved Document B. Celotex do not try to second guess what may, or may not be, deemed suitable and if RS5000 is rejected as an option then we take it on the chin and someone else gets the spec. We have, as you might expect, had conversations with the NHBC and are aware that generally we will struggle to be accepted by them at this time. We have heard of one NHBC job where the inspector said that it was OK to use any insulation up to 18m and only above 18m did it have to be non-combustible or in line with the requirements of BR135. Clearly wrong. The fire hasn't got a tape measure and if it starts at the ground floor it will love to race up the first 18m. Just shows you the smoke of confusion out there.

I hope this helps. If you need any further info please let me know.

Have a great Easter.

Best Regards,

Rob

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From: Martin Stearne [mailto:martinstearne@sigplc.com]

Sent: 02 April 2015 12:33

To: Warren, Rob

Subject: Does this affect PIR?

Hi,

Hope you're well.

See bottom of page highlighted in red.

This is pretty much copy and paste from the BCA Technical Guidance Note 18 from June last year. I'm specifying RS5000 a fair bit and this looks ominous.

What we're being told is NHBC will accept the test results from 8414 providing there is <u>no</u> deviation on site from the actual test.

Pretty much impossible.

What's the official Celotex view please?

Kind Regards,

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