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Subject: FW: Fire Safety Concerns in Public Buildings

From: Brian Martin
Sent: Thursday, February 14, 2008 4:33 PM
To: 'Philip Reid'
Subject: RE: Fire Safety Concerns in Public Buildings

Philip

Many thanks for your email. As I explained today, if you are concerned that a manufacturer is deliberately misleading people with it's literature then this is something that should be taken up with the relevant trading standards authority.

I understand that Eurobond have already made such a complaint to the Advertising Standards Authority and this has, in part, been upheld.

Regards
Brian Martin

From: Philip Reid [mailto:philip@political-intelligence.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 14, 2008 4:18 PM
To: Brian Martin
Subject: Fire Safety Concerns in Public Buildings

Dear Brian,

Thank you for your time this afternoon. Following on from our conversation, please find below and attached a bit of further information surrounding the issue of concern for the companies Euroclad and Eurobond who I represent.

Eurobond and Euroclad have over 25 years experience supplying metal external envelope solutions for roofs and walls using non-combustible insulation. They offer built up systems and composite panels, construction systems that are used on a wide range of buildings including schools and hospitals.

We have serious concerns about the fire safety surrounding certain types of composite panels and feel that the current standards and regulations need to be reviewed to ensure people's lives are not put at risk unnecessarily. There is a belief that there are loopholes in the existing framework that allow some manufacturers to offer products that are misleading in their sales documentation and are a genuine fire risk to the public. I have attached a very basic briefing paper which covers some of the issues in more detail.

Obviously the issue surrounding LPS 1181 is an issue that you understand well. It would be excellent to receive your views on the matter. Whilst we recognise the standard emanates from the insurance sector, we feel some manufacturers are misusing the standard in terms of fire safety. We are very interested to find out the position on this issue from the relevant divisions within the DCLG. If possible it would also be useful to meet with the right people to see how this can be pursued.

I look forward to hearing from you in the near future. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions you might have in the meantime.

Yours Sincerely,

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