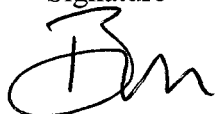


Statement of Witness – Exhibit BM01

I, Barry McAuliffe, declare that the document attached comprises Exhibit BM01 referred to in my witness statement.

Signature



Dated the day of

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Dear Mr McAuliffe,

Barry McAuliffe - Request for Evidence under Rule 9 of the Inquiry Rules 2006 ("the Rules")

In his Opening Statement, the Chairman indicated that he will conduct the Inquiry in two phases. In the first phase, the Inquiry will investigate the development of the fire itself, where and how it started, how it spread from its original seat to other parts of the building and the chain of events that unfolded during the course of the hours before it was finally extinguished.

Phase 2 of the Inquiry will be concerned with the balance of issues identified in the List of Issues, a copy of which is available on our website. The current List of Issues on our website in an updated version of the provisional List which was published by the Inquiry on its website on 13 September 2017. This List will continue to be updated as the Inquiry's investigation proceeds.

Request for evidence

In order to progress the Inquiry's investigation of the Phase 2 issues, I am now writing on behalf of the Chairman with a formal request under rule 9 of the Rules for you to provide a written witness statement which addresses (a) the particular issues identified below and (b) any other issues in relation to which you consider that you have evidence which will be relevant to the Inquiry's investigation.

The deadline for provision of your witness statement is **4 p.m on 26 May 2020**.

Issues to be addressed by your witness statement

If you consider that you are not the appropriate person within Sureserve Group PLC to answer any of the questions set out below, please set out (within 14 days of receipt of this request)

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which questions you are unable to answer, why you are unable to answer them and identify the individual(s) within the organisation to whom these questions can be directed instead.

Please address or include the following in your witness statement:

1. Please confirm your qualifications in and experience of servicing fire safety systems. Please provide an outline of your certificates/training that are relevant to the servicing of smoke control systems.
2. In a statement dated 26 June 2017, written by Andy Vernal, you confirm that you attended Grenfell Tower on 15 May 2017 to carry out preventative maintenance of the Automatic Opening Vents ("AOV"). Please confirm:
 - a. Prior to attending at Grenfell Tower on 15 May 2017, what experience did you have of AOV systems?
 - b. Prior to attending on 15 May, what was your knowledge of the AOV system at Grenfell Tower?
 - c. What was the purpose of a 'preventative maintenance visit'? How often was such a visit scheduled to take place?
 - d. When, to your knowledge, had the smoke control system previously been serviced? What information were you given about any such previous servicing or maintenance?
3. In your 26 June 2017 statement, you explain that you were provided with access to Grenfell Tower by Paul Steadman, the Caretaker. Please can you confirm:
 - a. What information did Mr Steadman provide you with regarding Grenfell Tower, and in particular regarding the AOV system?
 - b. Your statement refers to a 'Girder Key'. Was this in fact a 'Gerda' key? Please confirm the purpose of this key.
 - c. Were you provided with any written instructions or other documents relating to the operation of the AOV system?
4. What was your understanding of the weekly testing of the AOV carried out by Paul Steadman? In particular:
 - a. What parts of the system were tested?
 - b. What was the purpose of this weekly testing?
 - c. How was the weekly testing carried out?
 - d. How were the results recorded?
 - e. Were you provided with access to the results of the weekly testing?
5. Regarding your maintenance work, please confirm what the maintenance and testing involved, in particular:
 - a. What parts of the AOV system did you test?
 - b. How did you carry out this testing?

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- c. Please confirm whether the doors into the lift lobbies (whether from flats, lifts, or the stairs), were open or closed during the testing.
 - d. The 'Inspection and Servicing Certificate' dated 15 May 2017 refers to a 'Power Supply test'. How did you test the power supply?
 - e. How did you test the wiring of the system? Did this involve checking the wiring to the dampers?
 - f. In addition to testing automatic operation, did you test the manual function of the smoke control system?
 - g. Did you test, or assess in any way, the environmental function of the AOV system? What was the condition of the environmental aspects of the system?
 - h. To your knowledge, were the Ground Floor lobby smoke detectors tested after you left Grenfell Tower?
6. The 'Inspection and Servicing Certificate' says that the vents were left in the closed position. Please can you confirm:
 - a. Which vents did this relate to?
 - b. Why were the vents left closed?
 - c. Were the vents closed when you found them?
 - d. What impact, if any, did closing the vents have on the environmental ventilation system?
 - e. Would the vents have reverted to an open position through the automatic operation of the system (and if so, when?) or would manual input have been required to open them?
7. You say that you were not aware of the override switches on each floor. Why was this? If you had been aware of the override switches, would you have tested them in any way?
8. What conclusions did you reach regarding the AOV system?
9. Did you have any concerns about the operation of the AOV system?

Format etc. of witness statements

The Inquiry has given detailed guidance on the style, format and content of witness statements. In this regard, you are referred to the Witness Statement Protocol, a copy of which is enclosed and can also be found on the Inquiry's website (Documents/Key Documents/Protocols).

The Inquiry expects Sureserve Group PLC to assist you with any documentation or information you need in order to complete your witness statement. If you wish to refer to any documents these should be identified in the witness statement and a copy should be provided to the Inquiry with the statement.

Disclosure of Phase 2 witness statements

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Similar requests, under rule 9 of the Rules, have been made to various corporate and governmental bodies, and other individuals. Once your witness statement has been provided in response to this request, the Chairman will consider when and to what extent your statement will be circulated to these individuals and if it will also be published on the Inquiry's website.

Next Steps

If you do not have legal representation, you may wish to seek legal advice in respect of the content of this letter. Once you have done that, please promptly advise the Inquiry of the identity of any legal advisors that are acting on your behalf.

Yours faithfully

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