

WITNESS STATEMENT FROM:

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Ex-Employee of LHC

General

1. Please give details of your role and responsibilities at London Housing Consortium (“LHC”).

[AF] I was employed as a Technical officer. My main role was to monitor the quality of the supplied products under the LHC frameworks and their installation on the LHC members’ projects.

2. In relation to doors sold as FD30 or FD30S and the British and European standards that relate to them please give details:

a. of your expertise or knowledge; and

[AF] – I joined LHC in 2006. From day one I had multiple briefings and informal trainings on various British Standards. BS 8213 part 4 “Code of Practice for the Survey and Installation of Windows and External Doorsets” was one of them. Prior to conducting a site visit to Grenfell Tower

b. of any training or information you were provided with by LHC.

[AF] - I’ve had an ongoing development via self study and regular technical seminars and product demonstrations organised by LHC in conjunction with the appointed companies.

3. In relation to the period preceding 2012:

a. please give details of research carried out by LHC into FD30 and FD30S doors supplied by its appointed companies;

[AF] - LHC had a dedicated officer who was conducting technical and market research of this product for the framework.

b. please summarize the steps LHC takes to ensure that the FD30 doors it promotes complied with the relevant British and European standards; and

[AF] - at the time of my employment I was involved into the tender submissions review process. Part of our evaluation was review of the certifications provided by the framework applicants together with the tender submissions. However LHC has only an advisory role on the project and on the contracts between the members and the appointed companies. It is down to the individual member to specify certain product for the project and LHC has no authority to object or recommend one product over another.

c. please indicate whether LHC appointed companies supplied FD30S doors through its Framework Agreements. If so, please give details of how LHC ensured that the FD30S doors procured through it complied with the relevant British and European standards.

[AF] - After the framework was set up LHC had a standard specification for the products available under the framework. This specification was detailing components that should be present when I inspect the product.

4. Please give details of any feedback or complaints made in relation to FD30 or FD30S doors supplied by Manse Masterdor Limited ("Manse Masterdor") under LHC Framework Agreements, including those relating to their self-closing devices.

[AF] - All complaints would be recorded by LHC in the complaints and suggestions register. My observations on the quality of installation and the product were recorded in my Site Visit Reports. These would be available from LHC directly.

5. Please give details of any claims made under warranty in relation to FD30 or FD30S supplied by Manse Masterdor under LHC Framework Agreements.

[AF] - I have no information on this fact. LHC would not be a part of this claim procedure. This would be between appointed company and the member.

*Kensington and Chelsea Tenant Management Organisation ("KCTMO")*

6. In 2010 LHC was involved in the procurement for the supply and installation of doors in properties managed by KCTMO and Manse Masterdor ("the Contract"). In relation to the Contract, please give details of:

a. the role of LHC

[AF] - provider of the framework, that is compliant to the Public Contract Regulations.

b. the contractual obligations on LHC, including requirements to:

i. to act as Contract administrator;

ii. to sign off doors once installed;

iii. to ensure installation was carried out to a high standard; and

iv. to ensure high quality standards were maintained. c. your role and responsibilities; and

[AF] - for all points i-iv -LHC was not a party to any contract. No authority to sign off any installations. Only advisory role. Site visit reports were issued to both supplier and member for information.

d. the roles and responsibilities of others from LHC.

[AF] - LHC Director John Skivington is better positioned to provide this information.

7. Please summarize what checks you carried out on doors installed under the Contract, including checks on:

a. self-closing devices;

b. intumescent strips; and c. smoke seals.

[AF] - I had to check the installation complies with the BS 8213 part 4. i.e. spacing of the fixings from the corners and between each other, usage of the installation packers. Self closing devices would have only visual inspection and check that it brings the door to the fully closed position. Visual inspection of the intumescent strips for their presence.

8. Please summarize any deficiencies you were aware of on doors installed under the Contract, including deficiencies with:

- a. self-closing devices;
- b. intumescent strips; and
- c. smoke seals.

[AF] - my main observations were - lack of installation packers at the fixings, minor issues with the door closers - where it needed some adjustments. As my visits were often carried out while fitters were stills on site most of them were addressed on the spot.

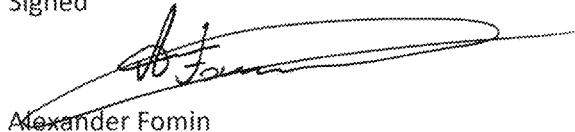
9. Please give details of any complaints or problems arising from installation including those relating self-closing devices.

[AF] - I was not made aware of any complaints or problems at that time.

10. In relation to doors installed at Grenfell Tower, please indicate which flats doors you inspected and what your findings were in relation to those dors. Format etc. of witness statements

[AF] - please refer to the site visit reports, that can be requested from LHC, where detailed information of the inspected doorsets at Grenfell Tower.

Signed

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Fomin', is written over a horizontal line.

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