

IN THE GRENFELL TOWER INQUIRY

WITNESS STATEMENT OF CLIVE ALLSOP

I, CLIVE ALLSOP DO SAY as follows: -

1. I make this witness statement in response to a written request for evidence under Rule 9 of the Inquiry Rules 2006 made by the Grenfell Tower Inquiry on 27 June 2019. In this witness statement I address the specific questions put to me in that request for evidence.
2. Between [] and [] I was employed by Manse Masterdor Limited as GPR Line Supervisor.
3. I am fully trained in the manufacture of GRP Firedoors and I am authorised by Envirograf Limited to fit and attach intumescent strips.
4. I have been asked if, in relation to the construction drawings in the BTC Test Report and the Chiltern Test Report ("the Test Reports"):
 - 4.1 I have previously seen either of the Test Reports. I have not previously seen either of the Test Reports.
 - 4.2 I was aware of the existence of these Test Reports between 2007 – 2014. I was not aware of the existence of the Test Reports.
 - 4.3 I have previously seen construction drawings similar or identical to those in the Test Reports. I have no knowledge of the Test Reports.
5. I have been asked if I was aware of any differences in the production of a FD30 and FD30S composite doors. We manufactured FD30 composite doors. The changes were made by Jim Duncan, Garry Fox and Dan Jones. I do not know what a FD30S composite door is.
6. In relation to testing for fire resistance and cold smoke leakage for composite FD30 and FD30S doors between 2005 and 2017, I have been asked if:
 - 6.1 I was aware of any testing. I have no knowledge of these matters.
 - 6.2 I was aware of who was responsible for ensuring the doors were tested. I have no knowledge of these matters.
 - 6.3 I was aware of the Manse Masterdor policy on testing. I have no knowledge of these matters.

7. In relation to the glazed panels in composite fire doors, I have been asked:
- 7.1 If, in the period 2009 – 2014, any changes were made to the process of glazing doors, including changes made to the intumescent strips, sealant or butile and the number of clips used. Jim Duncan, Garry Fox and Dan Jones changed the way we glazed doors from using Fire Retardant sealant to using intumescent strips and less clips.
- 7.2 To indicate the date or year at which the changes were made in the fixing of glazing into the doors. I cannot recall the date or year.
- 7.3 If I can set out any conversations I recall having or hearing about these changes, including why they were necessary and the consequences of them. We, the people on the line, questioned the actions but were told to work to the new instructions to save money.
- 7.4 If the means of fixing the glazing at any time matched those set out in the Chiltern Test Report. I have no knowledge of this report.
8. In relation to intumescent strips on composite fire doors, I have been asked if:
- 8.1 In the period 2009 – 2014, any changes were made to the number or location of intumescent strips or pads on composite fire doors, including to those around the lock strip and pockets and the letter plate. I have no knowledge of any changes and do not recall having or hearing any conversations about these changes.
- 8.2 The number and placing of intumescent strips and pads at any time matched those as set out in the BTC Test Report. I have no knowledge of this report.
9. I have been asked if I was aware of any other changes to the manufacturing process of composite fire doors. Jim Duncan, Garry Fox and Dan Jones instructed us to remove intumescent strips and pads. We put less on the locking mechanisms and frames. We also changed suppliers of intumescent strips from previous working instructions.

STATEMENT OF TRUTH

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true.

Signed:


Clive Allsop

Dated: [26] January 2020