

**I, IAN TAYLOR**

1. Between January 2010 and 31 December 2012 I was employed as a Site Service engineer by Manse Masterdor Limited. In that capacity I visited customers' properties and building sites where any doors supplied by Manse Masterdor Limited were found to have faults which could be repaired rather than faults which required the doors to be replaced.
2. I have been asked to give details of any training or information I was given relating to the regulatory requirements for doors sold as FD30 or FD30S fire resisting doors, to the importance of intumescent strips, to the importance of cold smoke seals, in relation to the significance of glazing and hardware, and the importance of self-closing devices. I confirm that I was given no training or information by Manse Masterdor Limited in relation to these matters.
3. I have been asked when Manse Masterdor started selling composite doors as standard doors and as fire doors. I cannot confirm any specific start date. I have also been asked why Manse Masterdor started selling composite doors, and I assume that this would have been to create more business for the company.
4. Furthermore, I have been asked what tests were carried out to ensure that composite fire doors were suitable for selling both as FD30 and as FD30S fire doors. I am not aware of any specific tests that were carried out.
5. I have been asked what materials the composite door slabs were composed of and what company the door slabs were purchased from. I confirm that both

GRP composite door blades and timber door blades manufactured by the company utilised Pvc and timber clad aluminium frames. I do not know who manufactured the GRP door blades for Masterdor Limited, but confirm that timber blades were manufactured in house.

6. I have been asked to describe the manufacturing process for composite fire resisting doors when they were introduced including how an employee would know whether the door they were working on was an FD30 door, an FD30S door, or a standard door. I do not know the answer to this question because I was not involved in the manufacturing process at this time.
7. I have been asked what was added to a door slab to make it an FD30 door and an FD30S door. For the reasons stated in the previous paragraph I have no specific knowledge about this, but know that various intumescent material was utilised.
8. I have asked what checks were in place to ensure that "*all appropriate additions were made to the door slab*". I have no knowledge of this because I was not involved in the manufacturing process at this time. Similarly, I do not know how glazing was installed, what steps were taken to ensure that hardware used on fire doors including the letter plate was appropriate for use on a fire resisting door, and to ensure that hardware including self-closing devices was not damaged in delivery, because I was not involved in the manufacturing process at the relevant time.
9. I have also been asked to describe any changes made to the manufacturing process for composite fire resisting doors from when manufacturing commenced until 2013 in relation to (1) the use of the training document record; (2) the number of intumescent strips and pads; (3) the smoke seals; (4) the letter plate; (5) the bracketing and sealing of glazing; (6) the glass used in glazing; (7) the hardware used, including self-closing devices.

I am unable to describe any changes made in relation to these elements of the manufacturing process nor why any changes that were made were made because I was not involved in the manufacturing process at this time.

10. I have no knowledge of any testing carried out on fire resisting doors following any changes of the type described in the previous paragraph.

11. I have been asked in relation to those working on the manufacture of composite fire resisting doors what training was routinely given to existing and new employees, whether such training changed between 2005 and 2013, and whether the frequency of training changed between 2005 and 2013. I am not in a position to comment on these matters because I was not involved in the manufacturing process at Manse Masterdor Limited between 2005 and 2013.
12. I have been asked in relation to testing for fire resistance and cold smoke leakage performance carried out on composite fire resisting doors between 2005 and 2014 to give details of the following:
- (i) Who was responsible for ensuring that the doors were tested when their design was modified? I do not know who was responsible.
  - (ii) What role if any secured by Secured By Design played in deciding whether modifications to doors required additional testing? I do not know what role Secured By Design played.
  - (iii) Whether there was any regular testing of doors. I am unaware of this.
  - (iv) Whether doors were ever tested for a particular contract. I am unaware of this.
  - (v) What tests were carried out including who conducted them, whether they were carried out on complete door assembly, if they were not what parts were tested, what the results of any such tests were, whether test results led to any certification accreditation, whether any resulting certification or accreditation was relied upon in marketing doors, and whether any resulting certification or accreditation was ever provided to those who purchased the doors? I am unaware of any testing, of any test results, of any certification or of whether details of any certification or accreditation was provided to the purchasers of doors. I always assumed that the product that my employer, Manse Masterdor Limited manufactured were properly certified and accredited.

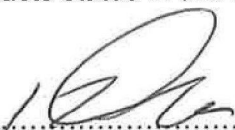


13. I have been asked if Manse Masterdor Limited ever supplied or installed fire resisting doors which differed from those that had undergone testing and if so, to explain how and in what circumstances that occurred. I have no knowledge of this at all.
14. I have been asked to give details of any systemic problems arising from the installation of fire resisting doors including problems relating to the self-closing devices used. I am aware of issues relating to concealed self-closing devices giving rise to twisting in door frames, and I am also aware of and have seen situations where residents disabled self-closing devices, I believe to avoid the noise of doors slamming shut.
15. I have been asked if I was aware that Manse Masterdor Limited was contracted to install fire resisting doors in public housing throughout the Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea from February 2011 onwards. I was aware of the existence of a contract or contracts between Manse Masterdor Limited and the Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea but I am unaware of any specific details.
16. I am willing for this statement to form part of the evidence before the Grenfell Tower Inquiry and for it to be published on the Inquiry's website.

#### STATEMENT OF TRUTH

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

Signed:

  
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Ian Taylor

Dated: [ 27<sup>th</sup> ] January 2020