

WITNESS STATEMENT

Criminal Procedure Rules, r27.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s.9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5b

Statement of: SELGINS, VALDIS

Age if under 18: Over 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18')
LTD)

Occupation: PROJECT MANAGER (MASTERDOOR

This statement (consisting of 3 page(s) each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

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Date: 29/03/2018

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On Wednesday 28TH MARCH 2018, I provided an account to Police Constable Christopher Loizou regarding the involvement of Masterdoor with the Grenfell tower project.

I began my career with LB plastics ltd in 2007 as a windows fabricator. Since then I have held several roles within the company. I am currently a Project manager for masterdoor and have been in this role since January 2018. Before this I have held several roles within the company.

Manse masterdoor and LB plastics were part of the Litchfield group. In 2013 Myself along with other employees were transferred over to manse masterdoor during a transitional period within the Litchfield group, I was transferred over to the customer services division.

My current role involves improvement projects incorporating new products for doors such as locks, double doors and anything to do with the security specifications of the door. Due to my current role and the roles, I held within the company, such as being a Processing team leader and processing manager role I have an extensive knowledge of fire doors.

I was not involved in any process of the Grenfell tower regeneration project and have never been

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directly involved in the production of fire doors.

Masterdoor fire doors are manufactured at our factory. The door is a GRP which is made from timber subframe with a foam filled core and GRP outer skin. GRP is a fibreglass reinforced plastic material; it is stocked in three blank sizes. They come at a width of 762mm, 838mm and 914mm width that all have a thickness of 44mm and a height of 2013mm.

When an order for a fire door is received, the slab enters a production line, and it goes on to a "CNC" machine, which cuts the door to the Customer specification such as, exact size including the cuts to the side of the door for the locks and hinges to be fitted. Including the glazing aperture. A job card is then attached to the door; a job card is a detailed manufacturing assembly sheet.

The job card an example of which I refer to as exhibit VAS/2 will also contain detailed instructions, such as, the project name (if for a building or housing project), the actual address the door will be fitted to, the door style code and colour, a detail of the fixtures items such as letter box, locks and hinges that are boxed separately for installation on site. It will also contain a factory reference number and a picture of the door design, the information will also contain the required fire rating for the door.

All of our fixtures and fittings for fire doors are purchased from various companies (winkhaus, UAP, SEA, Hoppe and ERA.) The glazing as far as I am aware used to be fitted in house and used to be manufactured at the LB Plastics factory in Amber Gate. It is now supplied by global glass or fire glass.

If a part such as glazing becomes faulty and a customer reports the fault, Masterdoor, will supply the replacement part and either fit or leave it to the customers to arrange fitting themselves depending on their preference.

The process of fitting glazing to a fire door involves placing metal brackets around the glazing aperture and then inserting a glazed unit and placing 2 GRP cassettes (which is a moulded square that fits on the

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glazing). The internal area of the cassettes is filled with a mastic and intumescent strips are added. The cassettes are locked together using an interlocking mechanism. Once locked together the excess mastic leaks out on to the outer face of the door, this is to ensure the fitting is airtight. The mastic is then wiped away on the outside.

Once a fire door is made in the factory, masterdoor fit labels to the fire door such as the image that I exhibit as VAS/1. This label contains codes, which I will break down in detail. The first code 1112375-06 contains the year of manufacture (11) the week of the year it was manufactured (12) and the unique ordering number (375) then finally the item number (-06). The second code is GRP20111204A and the code can be broken down by the following (GRP) the door type, (2011) the year the door was produced (1204A) represent week 12, day 4 and A means the first batch of the production day.

There is another code within the label FRM-SK77950 FD broken down this is, Frame (FRM) Colour code of door (SK), 77950 Profile number and fire rated (FD)

The information contained on this label would also be on a job card which will be placed on the slab before it is sent to a machine to be cut to the specifications on the CNC machine the codes as described in VAS/1 are also included on the job card.

As far as I am aware, 95% of all GRP fire doors manufactured at masterdoor are fitted with one type of wired glazing.

In 2006, Masterdoor began producing foam-filled fire doors on the market and 95% of them being sold on the market as fire doors or non-fire rated security doors. I am not aware of the chemical makeup of a foam-filled fire door however; the fire resist foam for GRP doors is a pink colour.

Masterdoor used to run a online traceable system for every door, which would allow the customer ordering the door to trace the production of the door systematically in the factory all the way up to the delivery and fitting. (If the order was for a supply and fit). This system was very useful for projects involving multiple orders where the delivery of certain doors were in dispute and the system could be referred to in cases of a customer dispute resolution.

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To my knowledge, all the staff on the production line making fire doors would be provided with in house training and have a training card stating what process they can and cannot involve themselves in on the production stage of a fire door.

To my knowledge, manse masterdoor supplied and fitted the doors during the Grenfell regeneration project, and I am not sure if any third party company was used during the fitting stage, or if any faulty parts were re fitted by masterdoor.

All of masterdoor fire doors are sold as a set (frame and door) and during the production stage of the door the holes for the ironmongery will be drilled, most fixings will be packaged in a separate box to be fitted on the customer site and this has always been the case.

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