

**WITNESS STATEMENT**

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

Statement of: DUNCAN, JIM

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

Occupation: TECHNICAL MANAGER

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This statement (consisting of 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: 22/02/2018

Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded ☐ (supply witness details on rear)

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This Statement relates to Masterdor Ltd, which is a door manufacturing company.

I have worked in the pvc extrusion industry since 1979 commencing at LB Plastics as an engineering draughtsman until 1982 when I changed to technical service manager, to our manufacturing customers, which included product development, product testing, new inovations.

While working for LB Plastics, they purchased Manse Masterdor which were a door manufacturing company.

After Synseal bought the trading and assets of Manse Masterdore in 2014 I gradually became involved in Masterdore Ltd and am now Technical Manager for it and sheerframe.

At the present time sheerframe and Masterdor Ltd are still active companies under the Synseal group.

As part of Masterdor Ltd in 2015 I started to manage the development of introducing new products and perimeters of fire doorsets which included 30 minute and 60 minute fire doors as we were relying on testing and development work in 2007.

In February 2018 I became aware of information in relation to a fire door test where the door had failed a

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thirty minute fire test in relation to a fire door at Grenfell Tower which I'm aware was the location of a catastrophic fire in June 2017. Through my service at LB Plastics I'm aware that the main frame profile has since been re-designed and that older frame is no longer current, the reason for the new design was not due to fire integrity issues but to bring the door system into line with the new sheerframe 8000 system so side panels and fan lights could be incorporated into the doorset, and subsequently fire testing was carried out in October 2015 and successfully achieved past thirty minutes to BS476 part 20/22 1987 standards.

Test report number BMT/FEP/F15142 Rev B refers.

The doorset that was tested and failed it's fire test by BRE on behalf of the Metropolitan Police Investigation into the Grenfell fire was a product manufactured and supplied by Manse Masterdor at the different location of Derwent Work, Amber Gate, Derbyshire where as since Synseal accusation all door manufacturing is at our current Firs Works Nether Heage, Derbyshire. All doors manufactured at this current location are the new design profiles which were successfully fire tested in October 2015 as previously mentioned.

Manse Masterdor undertook two fire tests for their 30 minute single fire door set. The first test by The Building Test Centre, test number BTC 14434F in accordance with BS 476 Part 20/22 1987 and the second test with a single fire doorset and side screen with ironmongery listed in both reports conducted by Chiltern International, test number Chilt/RF 07024 dated February 2007. Both tests were successfully passed meaning Manse Masterdor could manufacture in accordance with those tests. Both test reports have been handed to police previously in their investigation.

Further information in relation to the number of doors and styles produced by Manse Masterdor will be produced by our IT department manager Steve LEAKE and handed to police for their investigation.

Masterdor Ltd had a fire test conducted contracted through STS Ltd on the 10<sup>th</sup> November 2017 testing product SG 08 which is a single leaf, unglazed doorset, doorset B in the report in accordance with BS 476: Part 20/22 1987 which passed the thirty minute fire test. The fire test was conducted by Exova

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Warrington report number 391787. I exhibit a draft of this report as JD/1 as we are still waiting for the final copy. The exhibit is sealed in MPS evidence bag C38808297.

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