

WITNESS STATEMENT

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

Statement of: CRAIG, SCOTT

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

Occupation: GENERAL MANAGER

This statement (consisting of 2 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.

Signature: S. CRAIG

Date: 09/03/2018

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

I have been asked to make this statement by police in relation to the investigation into the Grenfell Tower fire which occurred on the 14th of June 2017. I am the General Manager at RGE Services Ltd and I have held this post for about two years. I am in a position to speak on behalf of the company.

RGE Services Ltd is a service and maintenance provider within the public sector, the work that we carry out is predominantly electrical, fire alarm systems and fire-fighting equipment such as fire extinguishers and blankets. We also service and maintain CCTV, door entry/exit systems, intruder alarms and emergency lighting. This includes the installation and modification of this equipment when required.

It is my understanding that RGE Services Ltd began working in partnership with Kensington and Chelsea Borough in 2009. We were a term contractor across their portfolio of buildings, which include Grenfell Tower. Grenfell Tower never stood out for any reason in particular. RGE Services Ltd had 3 contracts with KCTMO. They were electrical domestic, electrical communal and fire contracts. The electrical contracts included Electrical Installation Condition Reports (EICR) covering all fixed wiring. This involved ensuring that cabling, plug sockets, light switches and consumer units were adequate for use in both dwellings and communal areas. The fire contract includes an annual program of fire alarm tests, which would have taken place around four times a year, and maintenance of the fire extinguishers. All routine maintenance and tests were documented in a drop box which we shared with KCTMO and would have had to have passed the relevant industry standards. It is not RGE Services Ltd position to conduct Fire Risk Assessments. This would be the job of an independent Fire Risk Assessor. We go from

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the assessment reports drawn up for each individual building and sometimes make recommendations because of our duty of care. Any recommendations are documented however, we cannot enforce modifications or stipulate the types of systems used.

RGE Services Ltd attended weekly meeting with KCTMO, in 2013 the personnel at KCTMO changed for reason unknown to me and from then on our relationship with them deteriorated. Communications between us and KCTMO practically ceased and our contract was due to end on the 31st of March 2014.

This had been a typical five year contract. Our last visit to Grenfell Tower was on 18/03/2014 which was an out of hours visit. However, we carried on receiving orders into April and May. We replied to the emails stating that they had been sent in error and deleted them. RGE Services were not invited to re-tender the contracts and are not aware of who took over. I am happy and confident that the work we carried out at Grenfell Tower and any other buildings within Kensington and Chelsea was of a high quality. We are a well-respected and well established company within our field.

I would like to confirm that RGE Services Ltd had no involvement in the construction or refurbishment of Grenfell Tower. We have not completed any work for KCTMO since our contract finished.

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