

**IN A MATTER CONCERNING THE GRENFELL TOWER INQUIRY**

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**WITNESS STATEMENT OF RICKI SAMS**

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**Ricki Sams states:**

1. I make this statement in response to the Inquiry's request dated 24th October 2018 for evidence under Rule 9 of the Inquiry Rules 2006.
2. I was employed by the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea Tenant Management Organisation (KCTMO) between August 2011 and May 2013.
3. I joined KCTMO in August 2011 on a temporary assignment as a Projects Manager, working on minor water hygiene and electrical projects. When the position of Head of Building Services became vacant following the departure of that incumbent, I took up the role of Head of Building Services until my departure in May 2013.
4. The key responsibility of the role was the repair and maintenance of the mechanical and electrical assets across the entire housing stock managed by KCTMO. The mechanical and electrical assets included:
  - Passenger lifts
  - Fire detection systems
  - Fire suppression systems
  - Door entry systems
  - CCTV systems
  - Electrical testing
  - Communal heating systems
  - Domestic heating systems
  - Water hygiene
  - Boosted water pumps

5. I reported to Mark Anderson, who was Director of Asset Investment and Engineering up to January 2013. After this date, I reported to Peter Maddison, Director of Assets and Regeneration. I had two members of staff reporting to me, an Electrical Manager and a Mechanical Manager to manage the repair and maintenance of the mechanical and electrical assets.
6. Appropriately accredited external contractors were contracted to carry out the repair and maintenance of the aforementioned assets. The repair and maintenance of domestic gas-fired central heating systems were managed by a consultant (Gas Advisory Service).
7. Where actions pertaining to the aforementioned assets were identified on fire risk assessments, these would be assigned to my team for completion. I would report back on completion of those actions. I had no other involvement or responsibility as regards fire risk assessments and the management of fire safety measures generally.
8. I had no involvement with works pertaining to the fabric of any KCTMO building and I was not involved with any works associated with the Grenfell Tower refurbishment project. I had some involvement with the installation of the auto-dialler for the remote monitoring of the ventilation and extraction system at Grenfell Tower in 2012/13 but this was an interim measure prior to the refurbishment project.

**The contents of this statement are true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I am content for this statement to form part of the evidence before the Inquiry and published on the Inquiry's web site.**

Signed..........

Dated.....16/02/19.....