

## **Grenfell Tower Inquiry**

### **Phase 1 Closing Submissions on behalf of Celotex Limited**

1. Celotex has closely followed the evidence submitted during Phase 1 of the Grenfell Tower Inquiry, including the witness evidence of the Bereaved, Survivors and Residents and also of the fire-fighters, the Metropolitan Police Service and other responders to the devastating fire on 14 June 2017. Celotex recognises the bravery and resilience of those who have given their personal accounts of the events of the night. Celotex expresses its deepest sympathy to everyone who has been and continues to be affected by the tragedy.
2. Celotex believes that it can principally assist the Inquiry with its consideration of those aspects of the Inquiry's List of Issues dated 4 June 2018 that relate to Celotex's products used on the Tower, namely some parts of Issue 4 (modifications to the exterior of the building 2012-2016 (including cladding and insulation)) and the related parts of Issue 11 (the fire).
3. The Inquiry has received reports and heard the preliminary opinions on Phase 1 issues from Professor Torero, Professor Bisby, Dr Lane, Dr Glover, Professor Nic Daeid and Professor Purser to assist with the Inquiry's Phase 1 objectives, concentrating on understanding what happened on the night of the fire. Whilst those witnesses do touch on some of the issues identified in paragraph 2 above, we note that these experts are to update their reports as the Inquiry progresses into Phase 2. In particular, we understand that further expert work – including further testing and detailed analysis, together with a consideration of existing and additional factual evidence – is anticipated in preparation for and as part of Phase 2. Accordingly, we consider that it would be premature to comment at this stage on the preliminary views which have been expressed to date. We shall review and consider the output from the further expert work once it becomes available and make submissions to assist the Inquiry once that process is complete.
4. We recognise the scale and significance of the exercise with which the Inquiry is engaged and appreciate that it will need to consider the many, complex and inter-related issues which arise in relation to the building, its refurbishment and the fire.
5. Celotex remains committed to providing its full cooperation and assistance to the Inquiry and the Government's ongoing response to the tragedy.

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