

Kingspan News

The newsletter of Kingspan Access Floors

Kingspan announces three key changes to the Board

Kingspan has announced a series of Board changes – Managing Director Terry Newman is to retire at the end of March, Paul Allon moves from Finance Director to General Manager of the company, and Mike Burton has been appointed as the new Finance Director.

Terry Newman joined the company in 1985 as Contracts Director and became Managing Director in 1990. During his years as MD, Kingspan Access Floors has made major investments in its manufacturing facilities, including fully automating its steel encapsulated panel production lines.

The company has grown to become Europe's largest supplier of raised access floor panels and a global brand – the Kingspan Group's access floors division, made up of Kingspan Access floors and Tate Inc, of the USA, is the world leader in raised access flooring.

In 2001 Kingspan Access Floors provided the technical input required to create the new EN12825 standard that harmonised various international standards for raised flooring specifications.

Mr Newman said the longevity of the company's senior management team has played an important role in the sustained growth of the company, with key personnel having working together for between 10 and 20 years.

Paul Allon joined the company as Finance Director 10 years ago and has been with the Kingspan Group for 17 years, having previously been Financial Controller with the insulated panels division in Sherburn, North Yorkshire.

He said: "I'm looking forward to Kingspan Access Floors continuing the growth that we have seen during recent years and



(l-r) Mike Burton, Paul Allon, Terry Newman.

we are particularly confident about strong growth in the UK commercial office sector."

"Our R&D facilities are among the best in the UK and we will continue to invest in this important area to help us to continually drive new product development," he added.

Mike Burton has been appointed as Finance Director after previously spending 12 years in the same role with Palram, a Doncaster based manufacturer of extruded thermoplastic sheets. Before that he was with Hallmark Cards at Bradford for five years, as Finance Manager and then Financial Controller.

Kingspan publishes independently verified EPDs

We have further highlighted our global leadership and commitment to environmental issues by publishing independently verified Environmental Product Declarations – enabling customers to see how our product ranges affect the environment throughout their life cycle: See Page 3 to find out more.

We are now accredited to ISO 50001

We are pleased to report that we have gained ISO 50001 energy management accreditation.

This accreditation is designed to help companies reduce energy consumption and carbon emissions by developing an energy management system.

Paul Allon, General Manager, said: "Gaining this accreditation is very important because the Kingspan Group is committed to achieving net zero energy by 2020 and is well on target to meeting that goal."

Kingspan Access Floors began working towards gaining ISO 50001 accreditation three years ago, with the project culminating in a series of audits of all areas of the business that consume



ABOVE: One of our biomass boilers. RIGHT: Production line investment has cut consumption.

energy. The energy audit work was led by Kingspan Environmental Energy Controller Dan Ward, who worked with external assessors to gain the ISO accreditation.

Last year we installed three biomass boilers at our factory in Hull in a £1 million investment. The boilers provide 95% of the site's heating needs, with the remaining 5% sourced from "green gas". We have also installed 1,000 photovoltaic

solar panels, producing 250kW of electricity a year and have installed LED lighting throughout the factory to provide further substantial savings in energy consumption. LED lighting is also to be fitted in the offices. An earlier £1.25m investment in a new production line cut the line's energy consumption by up to 40%.

... and our haulier has gained FORS Silver

OUR HAULIER, D&P HAULAGE, HAS GAINED FORS (FLEET OPERATOR RECOGNITION SCHEME) SILVER ACCREDITATION FOR ITS GOOD WORKING PRACTICES IN THE WAY IT OPERATES ITS FLEET AND ITS COMMITMENT TO DRASTICALLY IMPROVE SAFETY, ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT AND EFFICIENCY.

FORS is a membership scheme set up to establish industry benchmarks and acknowledge operational efficiency within the freight industry. Through encouraging and recognising the good working practices of individual operators, the scheme aims to improve all areas of freight distribution in the UK.

Tony Morgan, Kingspan Access Floors Safety, Health & Environmental Manager, said: "The safe transportation of our materials from our Hull manufacturing plant to our installation sites nationwide forms an integral part of our health and safety culture.

"As key stakeholders and a supply chain member to the majority of the Build UK members and other main contractors, we have worked in close partnership with D&P Haulage to attain the required level of accreditations relevant to this sector of our business.

"Achieving FORS Silver shows D&P's clear commitment to maintaining the highest levels of safety relevant to their operations, and this has required substantial time, effort and resources on their behalf. I would like to thank D&P for



One of the Kingspan liveried lorries in the D&P Haulage fleet.

their continued support in our efforts to maintain and improve our health, safety and environmental standards across our business."

D&P Haulage gained FORS Bronze accreditation in 2013. To progress to Silver the company had to demonstrate to FORS assessors that its commitment to safety, reducing CO2 emissions, congestion, collisions and operator costs included areas such as staff training, fleet performance measurement, fleet safety equipment, and incident and collision reporting.

Paul Charlton, Principal at D&P Haulage, said: "The FORS Silver accreditation is a great coup for us – it sends out a strong signal to our customers and competitors that we are committed to continuous improvement."

CPD seminars

KINGSPAN HAS ANNOUNCED THE FOLLOWING CPD SEMINAR ROADSHOW DATES:

- 7 July: Park Plaza Leeds, Boar Lane, City Square, Leeds
- 20 Oct: 66 Portland Place, London
- 1 Dec: 66 Portland Place, London

Seminars can be booked through our website: www.kingspanaccessfloors.co.uk/Book-a-CPD or through the RIBA CPD providers network: www.ribacpd.com/kingspan-access-floors-ltd/18880/overview/

Kingspan publishes 11 independently verified EPDs



We have further highlighted our global leadership and commitment to environmental issues by publishing independently verified Environmental Product Declarations – enabling customers to see how our product ranges affect the environment throughout their life cycle.

We have published 11 EPDs featuring all our main product ranges. The EPDs cover a wide range of aspects 'from cradle to the factory gate', including extraction of raw materials, production and packaging. They also contain information about a product's impact on global warming, the ozone layer, water pollution, and greenhouse gas emissions.

Commercial Director Rachel Mumford said: "Gaining these EPDs highlights our continued commitment to environmental issues and to supplying transparent information to our customers. There is an increasing requirement from architects, contractors, developers and end users for detailed information about the sustainable qualities and environmental impacts of

our products, and the EPDs provide all the information they need. The EPDs also mean that Kingspan complies with the RICS SKA environmental assessment rating, and this is another increasingly important requirement from our customers. Furthermore the EPDs will help customers to meet LEED and BREEAM standards."

The Life Cycle Assessments for our EPDs were carried out by Chris Foster of sustainability consultants Eugeos and were independently verified in accordance with ISO 14025 and EN 15804 by Ugo Pretato of Studio Fieschi & Soci, of Italy. The EPDs have been published on the Environdec website at <http://environdec.com/en/EPD-Search/?query=Kingspan>

What is an EPD?

An EPD is a verified and registered document that communicates transparent and comparable information about the life cycle environmental impact of a product. The International EPD System is a global programme for environmental declarations based on ISO 14025 and EN 15804.

An important aspect of an EPD is to provide the basis of a fair comparison of products and services by its environmental performance. EPDs can reflect the continuous environmental improvement of products and services over time and are able to communicate and add up relevant environmental information along a product's supply chain.

Product Category Rules (PCR) define the rules and requirements for EPDs of a certain product category. They are a key part of ISO 14025, enabling transparency and comparability between EPDs.

There are five steps to follow in order to create, register and publish an EPD:

1. Find or develop relevant Product Category Rules (PCR)
2. Perform Life Cycle Assessment (LCA)
3. Compile information in the EPD
4. Verification of the LCA and EPD
5. Register and publish the EPD

Why architects choose Attiro

WE ASKED ARCHITECTS WE WORK WITH TO TELL US WHY THEY CHOOSE OUR PIONEERING ATTIRO ACCESSIBLE REAL WOOD FLOORING FOR THEIR PROJECTS. HERE ARE THE TOP FIVE REASONS THAT WON THEM OVER.

- 1. All the beauty of oak, all the ease of access flooring:** Unlike conventional bonded square systems, Attiro combines the look of a real wood veneer finish with the practicality of raised access flooring, so there's no need to compromise on style or function.
- 2. Get to underfloor services with ease:** Attiro's magnetic base bonds to steel encapsulated raised floor panels, so it's a much quicker and easier way to access underfloor voids and services compared to tongue and groove wood flooring.
- 3. Saves time, cuts waste:** Because Attiro can be installed at fit-out stage prior to testing and commissioning, it can help reduce waste and lead times during construction. We also deliver Attiro pre-finished, so you can walk on it as soon as it is laid.



- 4. Gain sustainability accreditations:** Attiro can help you to gain two key environmental and sustainability criteria: LEED and BREEAM. Attiro only uses FSC, European-sourced oak and Class E1 plywood in accordance with the European standard for wood-based panels, and it can be reused and reinstated in other areas.
- 5. NBS Plus specification:** As well as Kingspan's raised access floors, Attiro can now be specified via RIBA's NBS Plus specification writing tool, making it simple to select the various shade options and dimensions available to create and specify the desired look.

Attiro sample pack



Our Attiro sample pack contains swatches of the range of finishes and Kingspan access flooring so that you can see how Attiro works hand in hand with our steel encapsulated access flooring. To request your pack go to to: www.attiro.co.uk or email info@attiro.co.uk

nbsPlus

Kingspan flooring installed in new police training centre

Kingspan has supplied 14,500 sq m of access flooring as part of a major transformation of the historic Metropolitan Police training headquarters in Hendon, London.

We have installed 10,000 sq m of RMG panels throughout the building in offices, classrooms and an IT room, and 4,500 sq m of DRF heavy grade panels in the building's podium level where areas such as the kitchen and dining facilities are subject to increased use.

Delivered by Mace, the Peel Centre project has involved replacing outdated, underused facilities with the new training centre. The centre can train 120 students at a time and will result in a 50% reduction in annual running costs compared to the previous facilities. The development features a 560 seat auditorium,



A computer generated image of the new training centre.

memorial garden, new parade ground and live firing range. Kingspan came top of Mace's site safety league table in October and November, and one operative, Domas Vrubliauskas, won the individual health and safety award for December.

INTERNATIONAL ORDERS

United Arab Emirates

KINGSPAN HAS GAINED A FURTHER IMPORTANT ORDER IN THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES – THIS TIME TO SUPPLY 30,000 SQ M OF ACCESS FLOORING FOR STATE-OF-THE-ART HEADQUARTERS IN ABU DHABI FOR FIRST GULF BANK.

Al Nabooda Interiors – our dealers in the UAE – are installing our RG2 and FDEB4 panels throughout the 350,000 sq ft building, and almost 80% of the work has now been completed. In addition to the headquarters building, we also worked closely with Al Nabooda Interiors to supply about 4,500 sq m of RG2 panels for installation in the First Gulf Bank offices at Addax Tower in Abu Dhabi during January and February 2016.

Other significant projects being furnished with Kingspan access floors were the Oracle offices in Abu Dhabi and the Hamdan Bin Mohammad College of Dental Medicine in Dubai.

Poland

WE HAVE GAINED A FURTHER MAJOR ORDER IN POLAND – FOR 21,000 SQ M OF RG2 PANELS FOR THE WOLOSKA 24 OFFICE COMPLEX IN WARSAW.

Working through our dealer, Tel-Met of Katowice, we are supplying panels for all 10 floors of the new building, which is being developed by Ghelamco.

The panels will be installed on a phased basis depending on tenancy agreements. To date we have supplied 2,000 sq m for the seventh and eighth floors. As well as office space on floors 1 to 10, the ground floor of Woloska 24 will offer 800 sq m of retail space.

South Africa

WE ARE ESTABLISHING A SIGNIFICANT PLATFORM FOR BUSINESS IN THE SOUTH AFRICAN MARKET. WE HAVE RECENTLY GAINED OUR THIRD ORDER IN THIS COUNTRY AND ARE HOPING TO SECURE MORE BUSINESS IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

Our latest order is to supply 11,000 sq m of RG2 flooring in Capetown for an office refurbishment project for a major multi national organisation.

Installation of our panels began in early February and is due to be completed by the Spring.

Meeting the Taoiseach

CLARKE WILSON, OUR REGIONAL MANAGER IN IRELAND, TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO GET A SELFIE WITH THE TAOISEACH WHEN HE SAW HIM IN A SHOPPING CENTRE.



The message to Kingspan from The Taoiseach was: "Pass on my regards to all the lads up there, a great company."

You never really know who you will meet on any day!

Questions, comments or feedback

For more information about the articles in this newsletter or about Kingspan's access flooring ranges and services, you can:



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