

News Release



BASF Flooring Makes the Grade at Arla

BASF Construction Chemicals has been working with Arla, Europe's largest dairy company, to ensure that the flooring at its largest UK dairy in Leeds will stand the test of time.

From 2003–2009 40,000 m² of UCRETE[®] heavy duty polyurethane flooring has been installed on Arla sites in the UK. For the three-stage Leeds project, BASF advised which flooring products were suitable by room use and provided details of UCRETE[®] licensed contractors for tendering purposes.



All floor zones required a slip resistant finish as some areas were continuously wet. Installation onto early aged concrete was achievable using UCRETE[®] systems without the need for special primers. As UCRETE[®] is moisture tolerant and may be trafficked after 16 hours, early access for subsequent trades assisted all parties in meeting a tight programme.

BASF's detailed specifications and continual interaction supported the completion of each stage.

To date in excess of 100,000 m² various grades of UCRETE[®] has been installed in Arla facilities throughout Europe. At around half the cost of hexagonal-tiled flooring, UCRETE[®] has proved to be a durable, cost-effective solution.

For more information about UCRETE[®] flooring, log on to www.basf-cc.co.uk.

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About the Construction Chemicals division

BASF's Construction Chemicals division is the leading supplier of chemical systems and formulations for the construction industry. Continuous innovation and tailor-made solutions ensure its customers are more successful. Its Admixture Systems business unit specifically helps customers in the ready-mix, precast, manufactured concrete and underground construction industries. The Construction Systems unit offers a wide range of products for sports and industrial flooring, external renders and wall insulation, expansion joints, wood preservatives as well as specialist repair mortars, tile adhesives and waterproofing membranes. The division operates production sites and sales centres in more than 50 countries and achieved sales of €2.2 billion with approximately 7,700 employees in 2008.

About BASF

BASF is the world's leading chemical company: The Chemical Company. Its portfolio ranges from chemicals, plastics and performance products to agricultural products, fine chemicals and oil and gas. As a reliable partner BASF helps its customers in virtually all industries to be more successful. With its high-value products and intelligent solutions, BASF plays an important role in finding answers to global challenges such as climate protection, energy efficiency, nutrition and mobility. BASF posted sales of more than €62 billion in 2008 and had approximately 97,000 employees as of the end of the year. Further information on BASF is available on the Internet at www.basf.com.

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