



## **FRESH FISH DESERVE FRESH FLOORS** **BILLINGSGATE FISH MARKET FOR THE CORPORATION OF LONDON**

Billingsgate Fish Market operates 5 days a week, fresh fish being delivered overnight from all over the UK and displayed and sold in the morning. From around 10 am the market is thoroughly cleaned, in a gruelling schedule, leaving only Saturday afternoons and evenings and Sundays to break out and reinstate the new floor finishes. Late Sunday evenings and Monday mornings are left for curing and wash down before the market starts receiving fresh produce again on Monday evenings.



This project had been in the planning stage for several years and the programme of works and possible disruption to stall holders was a major factor in the letting of this major refurbishment contract.

Apart from having to be competitive, Datum Industrial Flooring Limited first evaluated whether the Corporation's proposed 22 week programme could be improved upon, bearing in mind that 1,200sqm of existing floor finishes and substrate had to be broken out, the substrate and the new floor finish reinstated and cured by midnight on the Monday, when the market would be in full use.

The programme was so tight and of such concern that the Corporation of London imposed Liquidated Damages on every section of the works not handed over in accordance with the agreed 'Schedule of Works'.

Datum Industrial Flooring Limited submitted its tender with a schedule to complete the works in 15 weekends, saving the Corporation 7 weekends on its original proposed programme.

Datum Industrial Flooring Limited utilized all its 'in house' resources to carry out the works. After hacking out the existing defective finishes and substrate, the existing subfloor was prepared, primed and Datum Acrylic Infill Screed was installed to a maximum depth of 87mm. This infill allowed the normal use of the floor for one week prior to the installation of the selected floor finish. Resin Surfaces Limited Resuthane TG69 Polyurethane Screed, colour MID GREEN, laid at a thickness of 9mm was used. Each weekend a simultaneous combination of substrate reinstatement was undertaken in one area, coinciding with the installation of the final floor finish from Resin Surfaces Limited in another area.

The Corporation of London selected Resin Surfaces Limited Resuthane TG69 because of its wet and dry slip-resistant values, its high compressive strength and its proven resistance to fish oil and salt water.

This contract is another example of Datum Industrial Flooring Limited 'No Conflict Contracting' and proactive management from its 'in house' contracting teams.

As space was at a premium, all material deliveries were made weekly on a Friday and the flexibility of manufacture and reliable deliveries by Resin Surfaces Limited was significant in achieving the very tight programme.

Practical completion was achieved within the Datum Industrial Flooring Limited 15 week programme and Liquidated Damages were not imposed.

Many of the stall holders at Billingsgate Market have now requested quotations from Datum Industrial Flooring Limited for the areas they are responsible for and several have already been installed.

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