



## Flooring solutions to minimise production downtime

It is unwise to choose a flooring system for use in a demanding environment without doing your homework.

Areas subject to contact with aggressive chemicals, heavy loads, mechanical wear, impact and thermal shock, (sudden temperature changes) all take a serious toll on your floor. While a cheap floor

coating may satisfy short term financial goals, it will inevitably result in increased maintenance, causing disruption to production and more frequent replacement and ultimately higher in-service costs.

That is why Phil Briggs of Eves Pantry Ltd turned to Sika (NZ) Limited when their floor was in dire need of resurfacing in their busy production facility. Eves Pantry is a busy Auckland bakery

and faced many issues when looking at floor upgrading options. They did not want downtime by closing production to complete the floor upgrade. As food is their business they take great responsibility in health and safety and could not take any risks of food contamination while the floor was being installed. There was also the issue of uneven floors, making it difficult for trolleys to be safely and easily manoeuvred without disturbing the presentation of food.

The upgraded floor had to create falls to existing drains, be non-tainting during application, withstand metal wheeled traffic, be heat resistant, long lasting, hard wearing and durable, as well as aesthetically pleasing. It had to be installed

quickly and efficiently, cure quickly, be slip resistant and able to handle regular chemical wash downs.

After discussing flooring options with a number of flooring suppliers it was decided the best flooring option to achieve Eves Pantry's requirements was to use the Sika (NZ) Ltd flooring system.

Keeping production going while the 977m<sup>2</sup> floor was being laid took careful planning and consideration. After discussion with Sika approved industrial flooring contractors, NZ Specialised Coatings Ltd (NZSC) a decision was made to lay the floor in three stages and machinery was moved to allow NZSC access to lay the floor. The NZ Specialised Coatings team worked alongside the Eves Pantry team

while food manufacturing continued. Sika's industrial flooring system meant food production could continue whilst flooring was installed without tainting the food being manufactured. Eves Pantry Ltd can now enjoy a hard wearing, long lasting durable, hygienic and very attractive, functional floor for years to come.

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## Flowcrete appoints global marketing manager

Global flooring manufacturer, Flowcrete Group plc has created the role of global marketing manager to spearhead its worldwide marketing function. Ian Dawson, currently Flowcrete's international market development manager, has been appointed to the position, with responsibility for the company's 30 offices and 12 manufacturing plants across the world.

development in the flooring industry, Ian brings a genuine global perspective to the role. He has been based outside the UK since 1999 and played a key role in the successful start-up of Flowcrete's operations in the Middle East in 1999.

His career has also involved significant input into Flowcrete's development in South Africa, India, the Far East and Asia.

Ian said: "Flowcrete has become a major international success over the last ten years since securing its first overseas contract. This new global marketing role presents the opportunity to create a unified, global brand and take the company to the next level as a world leader in the industrial and commercial flooring marketplace."

Ian takes over the responsibility for global marketing from Flowcrete group's marketing director and former Veve Clicquot Business Woman of the Year, Dawn Gibbins MBE.

Based at the company's Malaysia office – the hub of operations for Flowcrete's Asia Pacific and Middle East markets – Ian's strategic approach will set the marketing blueprint for the company's entire global operations, influencing PR, online, direct marketing, promotional material and advertising activities.

The father-of-three, who originates from Derbyshire in the UK, will be focusing on Flowcrete's environmental and sustainable development policies and spearheading overall global growth.

With an extensive track record of some 15 years in international business

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- Pharmaceutical
- Manufacturing and packing
- Food processing
- Commercial kitchens and bakeries
- Butcheries and chillers
- Wineries and bottling
- Showrooms, bar areas or wet processing areas

Sika Approved Contractor, NZ Specialised Coatings Ltd, recently installed a 1136m<sup>2</sup> industrial floor coating system at Roche Products (NZ) Limited's Auckland based pharmaceutical plant.

The result? A good looking, hard wearing, hygienic floor that meets the very high standards required by international pharmaceutical companies and Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP). The solvent-free, non-tainting properties of the Sikafloor® 261 epoxy system used were essential for this flooring application.

Sikafloor® 261 can also be tinted to almost any standard RAL colour, enabling you to match your corporate colours or to use colour to delineate specific areas such as walkways, loading zones and safety areas.

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