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Another Sika flooring system installed at Griffin's

One of the toughest jobs around for a contractor and a materials supplier must be a renovation or an upgrade in a food manufacturing plant. Together with issues around protocols governing plant and equipment in food preparation, there are all the problems associated with timing in a modern manufacturing environment, where constant functioning equals profit.



Biscuit dough at Griffin's Papakura site is transported in large, very heavy steel vessels weighing up to 2,000kgs – a tough ask for any factory floor



The flooring area resurfaced is in a crucial part of Griffin's biscuit manufacturing process, so speed of installation, quality of finish, hygiene and long term durability were crucial requirements



Approximately 5,000m² of Sika resin flooring was installed in the Griffin's plant in Papakura in 2008, and it still looks and performs like new

When iconic New Zealand biscuit manufacturer Griffin's was confronted with a sticky situation on one of its manufacturing floors, it turned to Sika.

The location to be refurbished was at the Griffin's Papakura site. With the closure of their Lower Hutt factory in 2008, Griffin's had invested heavily into the Papakura site. Sika contractor Brockliss Contractors installed approximately 5,000m² of Sika flooring to the new biscuit manufacturing facility during 2008. This flooring is now over five years old and looks as good as the day that it was installed.

The new location to be refurbished using Sika resin flooring was the area in the Papakura plant known as the mixing and hot rooms – a wet manufacturing environment on a mezzanine floor.

The existing floor was a Sika competitor's resin floor product that was in a very poor, failing condition. It was also considered to be slippery and presented a potential health and safety issue. This existing resin floor, with an original substrate of steel tiles set into concrete, had to be totally removed prior to applying the new Sika floor finish.

The Sika contractor awarded the contract was New Zealand Specialised Coatings Ltd. The job itself was very time critical. The total area of the work, which was undertaken over the Christmas break in 2012, was approximately 1000m². NZSC worked around the clock to ensure that production was not delayed or interrupted.

The area that was resurfaced is a crucial part of the manufacturing process. Dough for the biscuit making is made in the mixing

room. The dough is moved around in large, very heavy steel vessels weighing up to 2000kgs. Once made the dough is moved in these steel vessels to either the proofer for conditioning or taken to the biscuit line to make the various Griffin's products.

About Griffin's Foods

Griffin's is New Zealand's leading biscuit and snack food company. It was acquired by Pacific Equity partners in 2006.

John Griffin and his family started Griffin's in Nelson back in 1864. Since then quality ingredients, unique Kiwi recipes and great people have been at the heart of the business.

Griffin's operates two manufacturing facilities in Auckland and two distribution centres – located in Auckland and

Christchurch. The biscuit factory is located in Papakura and a savoury/wrapped snacks factory in Wiri.

Griffin's produces Huntley & Palmers crackers and savoury snacks under the Eta brand.

Most recently it acquired the Nice & Natural Wrapped Snacks business, making the company the biggest snacks manufacturer in New Zealand.

Each year it sells more than NZ\$300 million of products, making it one of New Zealand's largest branded food companies. Griffin's manufactures its own brand products and contract manufacture for others. Biscuits are supplied to the local and export markets.

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