

The highest standards



Independent Network, the new name for Network Veka, recognised recently-joined North Lakes NLG Window Systems with one of two best new member awards at its annual members' weekend.

Penrith-based North Lakes has been full of praise for the benefits that membership has brought, citing training, marketing support and heightened customer confidence.

Martin Smith, who owns and operates the company alongside his wife Lindsey, says: "Independent Network really helps to make the most of being a Veka installer. Not only are customers reassured that they're buying the industry's leading doors and windows, but they'll also be fitted to the highest standards.

"Since joining, we've attended various Independent Network training days, and feel more than ever that we're

fully up-to-speed with industry advances as a result. The courses also provide a great opportunity to meet other member companies and get a sense of the culture of Independent Network. There's a great camaraderie among everyone involved, and we've been made to feel welcome throughout.

"It's early days for North Lakes with Independent Network, but we're extremely pleased that we decided to join and look forward to further exploring the support available in future – apprenticeships; affiliate partnerships; marketing and online support... there's so much on offer, it's hard to remember it all." □

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With two new launches Renolit now offers matt finish foils and a black foil which is said to resist heat build-up.

Renolit ExfolPX Ulti-Matt has a low gloss and fine structure to give a painted/powder coated look to profiles. The Ulti-Matt surface is available in four colours: white, cream white and anthracite grey plus the addition of the recently introduced true black.

Black is another technologically advanced film which, says Renolit, defies convention by combining the darkest colour with low heat build-up.

The foil has been combined with two surface textures providing a choice of tradition woodgrain emboss or the recently launched architectural Ulti-Matt flat surface finish.

Both foils are produced as a Renolit ExfolPX grade material, a patented exterior film which also benefits from the addition of SST (Renolit's solar shield technology) to reduce heat build-up. Renolit claims its ExfolPX films offer improved performance with the latest modern designs, colours and textures and was developed to enhance weatherability and extend guarantee periods for up to 15 years in the UK. □



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A reason to celebrate

Halo customer Watergate Flood Solutions has been certified with the recently-revised PAS1188 BSI Kitemark for flood protection products for its composite flood door.

Hebburn, Tyne & Wear based Watergate spent 18 months honing its design and subjecting products to rigorous testing in order to achieve the accreditation with support from Veka Group. The anti-flood specialist – which fabricates up to 50 doors every week – made the switch to Halo profile in 2015, and has been using its outer frame ever since. The most recent PAS1188 certificate will be the company's second, having already received one for its PVC-U doors.

Rachael Radcliffe, business development manager for Watergate at Veka Group says: “We've been working closely with Watergate over the past year-and-a-half in trying to achieve the PAS1188 so we are very proud to have been a part of them obtaining this worthy certification. Ensuring the PVC-U profile system that their new products would be used with is of the best possible quality has been paramount throughout, which is why Halo's reputation for excellence within the industry – for flood doors especially – seemed to be the perfect fit.

“As the demand from homeowners for safe and effective flood-resistant products increases with every wet weather forecast, it has become more and more pertinent for companies within the door and window profile industry to really step up to the challenge. Watergate has done just that by providing not just one but two products that offer complete peace of mind when it comes to protecting our most valuable possessions and, of course, family.”

Watergate's sales manager Gerard Hiscock said: “Having previously gained PAS1188 for our PVC panel doors, to now have the same accreditation for the composite flood door is a testament to the hard work of all involved and commitment to a cause that is incredibly important to an ever-increasing number of homeowners across the UK. During research, we worked extensively



with authorities at both a local and national level, to make sure we were bringing something to the market that homeowners, especially those most at risk from rising water levels, could really put their trust in.

“The PAS1188 standard was updated in 2014 with even more stringent guidelines and particular attention being paid to the amount of leakage that would be deemed acceptable for any products requesting the certification, so to hold this official safety standard means our clients can share our absolute confidence in this product and Watergate as a whole. After receiving the official Kitemark certificate in March 2017, we also obtained confirmation from the BSI in June that we were the only company in the UK to have the accreditation for that type of composite flood door at that time, which was even more of a celebration.” □

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Demand for coloured PVC-U windows has grown dramatically in recent years. To help fabricators take advantage of this trend, ProKolor offers Zowo-Plast high-performance water-based coating system specifically developed for application onto PVC-U building components. Manufactured in Germany since 2005 by Zobel Chemie, Zowo-Plast is claimed to be available in an unlimited range of colours and to deliver exceptional performance in the harshest of conditions. Zowo-Plast is exclusively distributed in the UK by ProKolor and is available as their ProKolor ZP range. Through their ProKolor Paintshop service, ProKolor also offers a coatings application service for window fabricators and installers who want to offer their windows in a limitless range of colours. □



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