



Two examples of Tuffx products. High res jpegs available

Kommerling providing more than just hotmelts and liquid composites to Tuffx

- **Quality of support and expertise a key factor for new relationship**

Tuffx, one of the country's leading manufacturers of specialist glass for both the residential and commercial markets, has forged a long-term partnership with Kommerling UK. The latter is providing Tuffx with a range of hotmelts and specialist resins that are being incorporated into several of the company's market leading products including glass for balustrades, canopies and stair treads.

Paul Higgins, Purchasing Manager at Tuffx, explained more; "Opportunities for laminated products in which the glass has one or more inherent properties eg photovoltaic capabilities or UV protection, are only going to increase as we see glass used in ever more creative ways, in both the commercial and high end residential markets. It became clear that Kommerling could offer us far more than just a high-performance product. From our first meeting the support from both the team here in the UK, backed up by extensive technical and development expertise in Germany has been first class." He continued; We very much view this as a collaboration where our knowledge of glass manufacturing combined with Kommerling's unrivalled expertise in the development and production of resins will lead to some exciting new products in the not too distant future."

Kommerling supplies both its Koedigaurd UV-HS R liquid composite for Tuffx's structural applications and Kodimelt, a hotmelt, for its IG glass range. Chris Davis, Composites Manager for Kommerling UK, said; "We are delighted to be working with

Tuffx, and that they have recognised the true value of our technical and product support. We look forward to fruitful joint technical collaboration on various projects in the coming months that will deliver new products that we believe will extend how and where glass is used and which will excite the architectural community.”

The product that Tuffx has introduced on its production line is Koedigaurd UV-HS R liquid composite. With exceptional performance in terms of the strength of the finished bond, combined with quicker processing times and the ability to apply it to bespoke pieces of glass without having to subject them to a lengthy application and curing process, the product is delivering very real benefits in terms of production times. This in turn means that not only are customer lead times reduced but so are direct production costs.

Background

Tuffx Processed Glass Ltd, has nearly twenty years' experience in specialist, toughened safety glass manufacturing. Tuffx is established as one of the UK's most progressive, customer-oriented companies. The company is based in Knowsley, Merseyside where it employs xx people. For more information on Tuffx products visit

<http://www.tuffxglass.co.uk>

Koemmerling Chemische Fabrik GmbH is a leading international manufacturer of high-quality adhesives and sealants. Its European headquarters and extensive research and development facilities are in Pirmasens, Germany and it has a network of subsidiaries, sales offices and sales partners, in more than 80 different countries. With over 110 years' experience, the company has established itself as an innovative market leader in provision of Polysulfide, Polyurethane, Silicone and Polyisobutylene sealants for the automotive, insulating glass and photovoltaic industries. In April 2015, Royal Holdings, Inc. through its Kommerling UK Limited subsidiary, acquired CIL.

Koemmerling Chemische Fabrik has been awarded ISO 9001, ISO 14001 ISO 50001 and OHSAS 18001 certification.

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