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Kiwi Pacific Foods new Sika floor will look and perform like new for years



Easy to keep clean and hygienic. Daily realities such as high pressure wash-downs are not a problem



A key requirement of any factory floor, particularly a food processing area, is long-term durability, especially in heavy traffic areas

## Sika flooring solution for Kiwi Pacific Foods

Kiwi Pacific Foods have been processing burger patties at their Mangere East plant in Auckland since 1995 and when they needed to upgrade their flooring for the processing and freezing areas they turned to Sika and their approved applicator Brockliss Contractors Limited for a solution.

Primarily processing burger patties for Burger King for domestic and export markets, Kiwi Pacific Foods bring in raw materials then grind and form patties before freezing using IQF (Individual Quick Freeze) through a liquid nitrogen tunnel. Patties are then packed and shipped.

Plant manager Kevin O'Callaghan says that the flooring was concrete with no topping or sealing, which needed to be upgraded for sealing and improving the processing room's aesthetics, as well as improving cleanability, durability and hygiene. Slip resistance too was a priority.

Mr O'Callaghan says that he set Brockliss Contractors Limited, run by father and son team Larry and Jamie Brockliss a demanding task but was more than satisfied with the job.

"I put an extreme amount of pressure on them and they performed. We shut for the week and Brockliss worked the week and the two weekends to get it done. The job came in well under the time frame."

Larry Brockliss says the 335m<sup>2</sup> area that was originally a concrete floor was diamond ground, and necessary repairs were made to the surface and coves. The

surface was then covered with an application of Sikafloor®-21N PurCem coating with a standard gold mix, non-slip finish. Sikafloor-21N PurCem has an aesthetic, easy to clean, smooth textured aggregate surface providing the required slip resistance.

Lastly Brockliss cut back floor construction joints and sealed using Sikaflex 11FC. Sikaflex 11FC is a fast curing, one component polyurethane based compound that is extremely effective, both as a flexible sealant or high strength adhesive.

Mr O'Callaghan says one of the other excellent benefits of the flooring is the colour.

"We originally had a concrete floor so we were after colour. The Sika product has lightened the whole room. It has made the room look a lot better and has improved cleanability by improving visibility for any cleaning issues.

"The flooring is a good product. We have a hostile environment with huge temperature changes as well as chemical usage from alkaline cleaner. Our Sika industrial flooring system stands up to all of that."

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