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Rt Hon Rhodri Morgan AM, First Minister for Wales
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A FIRST FOR FLOORING COMPANY

The First Minister for Wales, Rt Hon Rhodri Morgan, recently took time out of his busy schedule to visit resin flooring specialists Conren Limited.

At Conren's North Wales plant in Wrexham, Mr Morgan met with staff before taking a guided tour of the manufacturing and laboratory area, where the company's range of industrial coatings and screeds are made.

The First Minister was also shown examples of Conren's innovative external safety products; Truegrip BT high friction anti-skid for roads and Playon impact absorbing surfacing for children's play areas.

With nearly 35% of its products sold overseas, including waterproofing compounds made at the company's Chesterfield site, Conren has a healthy export market as well as a long established track record of major projects in the UK. Mr Morgan commented, "Good exporters are usually very successful companies because they have got the extra mile to go to secure business against global competition".

The visit concluded with a presentation of an engraved commemorative hipflask presented to the First Minister by Chris McEwen, Managing Director.

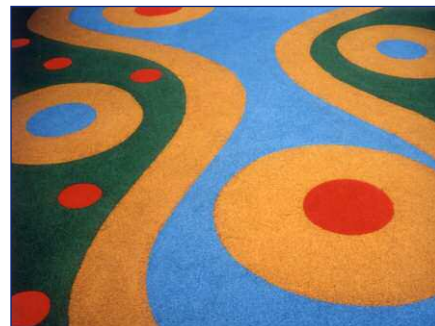
SURFACE DESIGN SHOW SUCCESS

Conren Limited recently displayed their extensive product range of specialist resin finishes at the Surface Design Show in London.

This prestigious show attracted a record number of Architects and Specifiers, who attend the event in search of innovative and new surfacing products.

Visitors to the Conren stand were able to view samples of heavy-duty epoxy resin decorative floor screeds, hygienic coatings, waterproofing compounds, external anti-slip and safety surfacing systems.

The showstopper was Playon, and impact absorbing safety surfacing for external play areas. This colourful system comprises a cushion course of black recycled natural rubber, topped with a wearing course of bright, coloured rubber granules. Imaginative designs can be created and the installed system has been designed to specifically meet the special requirements of safety surfaces.



ROYAL & SUNALLIANCE



A project with Conren Truegrip anti-skid surfacing has recently been completed for one of the world's oldest and most well established insurance groups.

At the Royal & SunAlliance Call Centre in Bristol, a concrete ramp leading to the underground car park with a 1 in 10 gradient was proving a slippery problem.

Conren Limited were called in to provide the solution by installing Truegrip TCD epoxy resin slip resistant surfacing, making it safe for foot traffic and also reducing the risk of vehicle skidding on the ramp.

Truegrip TCD can be used for areas where a textured safety surface is required. Typical applications include pedestrian walkways, footbridges, car parks, cycle paths, wheelchair ramps - in fact any external / semi-exposed area where there is a need to produce a slip resistant finish.

Available in a range of colours / different aggregate finishes; the system has a high adhesive strength and can be applied to various substrates including asphalt, concrete and wood.

SAFETY IN THE WORKPLACE

The Health & Safety Executive states over a third of all major injuries reported each year are caused as a result of a slip of trip (the single most common cause of injuries at work). These cost employers over £512 million a year in lost production and other costs.

Within the Conren range there are many systems designed to minimise slip hazards, one such product is Congrip.

Congrip is a high build epoxy coating used across a wide range of industries to produce an anti-slip finish for internal floors and walkways. The anti-slip aggregate is applied between two coats of heavy-duty epoxy resin, and the floor finish is suitable for both forklift and pedestrian traffic.

