## SHOWCASE THE SHARD, LONDON









Client: Network Rail
Contractor: Mace

Product: Kwik-Klik Ultraspan Extra Requirement: 200 linear metres

# In brief

Network Rail required a replacement hoarding to surround a construction site for 'The Shard', which will become London's tallest building in 2012. The site is adjacent to London Bridge Station and poor quality timber hoardings were not offering the exemplary standards of site security, public safety and professional appearance demanded by the developers of such a prestigious project.

# The project

A high quality innovative hoarding unveiled at The Shard.

**Kwik-Klik's** *Ultraspan Extra* system is providing a long-term secure perimeter hoarding around the site of The Shard building in London Bridge Quarter, SE1. The innovative hoarding offers a number of key benefits to all parties including the client, Network Rail, the main contractor MACE and the developers Qatar & Sellar.



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# The benefits

#### Client benefits

For Network Rail, replacing shabby and weather-beaten plywood hoardings with **Kwik-Klik's** durable, clean and versatile plastic panels brings immediate advantages. Unlike timber, they do not need painting and re-painting, they don't wilt, bow or splinter and they will last for the lifetime of the 4 year contract. The hoarding panels are made of 100% recycled PVC and they can be 100% recycled at the end of their usable life – unlike timber panels which are normally sent to landfill sites after one use.

#### **Contractor benefits**

The main contractor, MACE, now has a robust and secure perimeter with sturdy steel supports and concrete reinforcing the neat, vertical panels. The modular panel system means it is easy to dismantle and re-locate the panels on site during different phases of construction. This means that access gates for vehicles and security doors for personnel can be built into the hoarding and re-positioned as necessary. The lightweight panels are easy to install, dismantle and re-locate and individual panels can be quickly replaced if they are accidentally damaged by plant equipment or external vehicles.

### **Developer benefits**

For the Developers, Qatar & Sellar, the smooth and professional finish of the *Ultraspan Extra* panels created the perfect blank canvas for showcasing their development. Using high quality printed vinyls, the site is now surrounded by stunning imagery and graphics which illustrate what The Shard will look like on completion. This means that the thousands of rail and bus commuters who pass by The Shard site are greeted with a professional looking façade rather than the temporary eyesore of timber panels.

## Benefits of Ultraspan Extra

- High performance weather-proof, lightweight, easy to fit
- Modular fast-fit system adapts to any perimeter shape
- Stable and safe minimum disruption to the public/customers
- Superior smooth finish ideal for attaching high quality graphics
- Recycled plastic 100% recycled PVC, 100% recyclable after use – no landfill
- Instantly available nationwide from 12 Beaver 84 depots?

For more details of *Ultraspan Extra* go to www.kwik-klik.co.uk and click on Our Systems in the site navigation.

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