

Demand reaches a Hi-Point for off-site construction

The phenomenal increase in the use of modern methods of construction (MMC) is hard to ignore, particularly when figures from Buildoffsite put the value of the off-site construction market in the UK during 2004 at a staggering £2.2 billion.

Championed by the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister (ODPM) and highlighted by both the Latham and Egan reports, off-site manufacture and the associated benefits of cost-effectiveness, safety and speed are now widely recognised throughout the construction industry.

Although still in its infancy, Hi-Point from Corus has already become a leading player in the ever expanding off-site market and has been installed successfully on a number of projects from a wide range of sectors including, military, education and residential.

However, the figures that illustrate the real need for off-site construction are perhaps more shocking.

According to the Health and Safety Executive (HSE), throughout 2003 and 2004 falls from height accounted for 67 fatalities at work and nearly 400 major injuries. The launch of the new Work at Height Regulations 2005 outlines the steps that must be taken to prevent the risk of falling and states that where possible, the requirement to work at height should be limited.

Thanks to the launch of the Hi-Point system, which can be used with the full range of Kalzip standing seam profiles, these regulations can now be met stringently without compromising on design, quality, cost or speed of installation.