

## **CGI International Limited**

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#### Fire Glass Solutions



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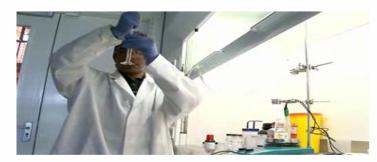
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#### PYROGUARD: FIRE GLASS SOLUTIONS



Focused exclusively on fire glass and fire resistant glass, CGI International supports architects. specifiers, contractors and clients in navigating the complexities of fire safety legislation providing fully tested glazing solutions that are backed by an expert fire glass technical team.

Operating solely in the fire glass market, CGI International understands the

challenges associated with building regulation compliance and can support with the correct specification of Pyroguard fire glass solutions which meet the required standards - without compromising on design quality.

#### Applications and tests selector

Fire resistance	Trade name	Type of frame	Application	Max width x height (mm)	Max area(m <sup>2</sup> )	Thick -ness(mm)	Impac
EW 30	Pyroguard EW 30	soft wood	screen	3125×1008	2,52	7	383
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#### Glass Classification Fire Glass Projects Our Partners Fire Glass Solutions Technical Information Licensed Partners CPD Seminars CE Marking became

#### mandatory on 1st July 2013

#### Not CE marking yet?

If you are not already signed up and licensed then you need to be. You could have been trading illegally for ...







Contact Trevor Crossley to make an appointment.

CE Marking and Licencing

#### Certification

CF257 - Pyroguard

CF581 - Pyrostem

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#### PRODUCT RANGE

The CGI Group's primary objective is to make buildings safer through the development of the Pyroguard and Pyroguard T product brands, for a wide range of construction applications.

Find out more about Glass Classification

#### **Pyroguard**

- Pyroguard EW 30 Maxi: the largest tested size of laminated fire products
- Pyroguard EW 30: 7 mm thickness UV stable for internal and external applications
- Pyroguard EW 30 Impact: the only UV stable 7 mm thickness with 2B2 impact
- Pyroguard EW 30: easy to cut, no taping needed

The success and the reputation of our Pyroguard EW30 product, in the countries where we operate, is due to continuous investments in operations and people.

Pyroguard Product Range

#### Pyroguard T

- An extensive range of Fire Glass. stretching from E30 to EI120 (with numerous EW options)
- An extensive range of test certificates in different frames: wood, steel and IGU's
- Some of the largest tested sizes available on the market
- Applications of double-glazed units: float glass, layered glass, toughened glass and laminated glass

#### Pyroguard T Product Range

Our technical and R&D teams are committed to continuously improving the quality of our products and are developing new systems which are regularly tested and externally certified at approved laboratories.

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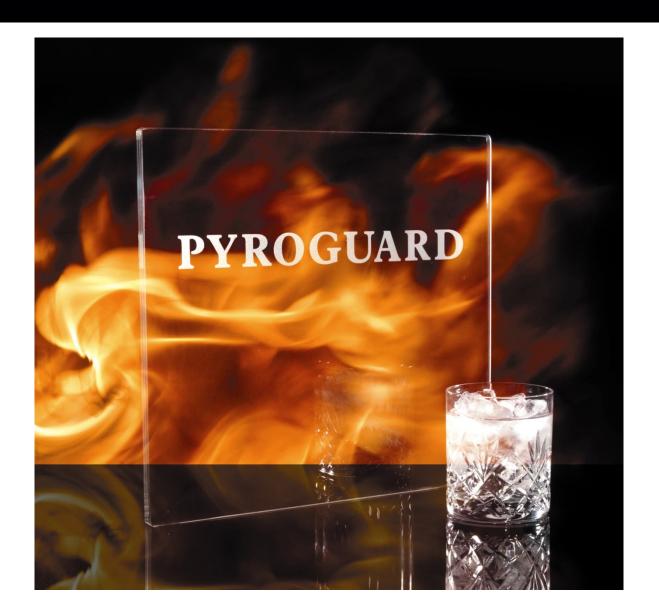
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#### Certification

- CF257 Pyroguard
- CF581 Pyrostem
- CF437 Pyroguard Insulation

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# A Knowledge Transfer Partnership (KTP) between CGI and the University of Leeds



## A 3 year KTP was approved:

"to understand and map the polymer chemistry of fire resisting glasses and use this knowledge to enhance their performance and to develop new products"



**Academics involved:** 

Dr Roth Phylaktou (Fire & Explosions)





**Professor Jim Guthrie (Chemistry)** 



**Dr Vince Crook** 



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## **Everything started well...**

...until 2008/09 when the CGI world began to change

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Sales Manager, and initiator of the KTP, became General Manager (04/08) New Sales Manager joined (05/08) and General Manager left (11/08)

> Production Manager and Factory Manager left (03/09)

Chairman and MD retired; replacement based in France (04/08)



Financial Director left; new Managing & Financial Director joined (05/09)





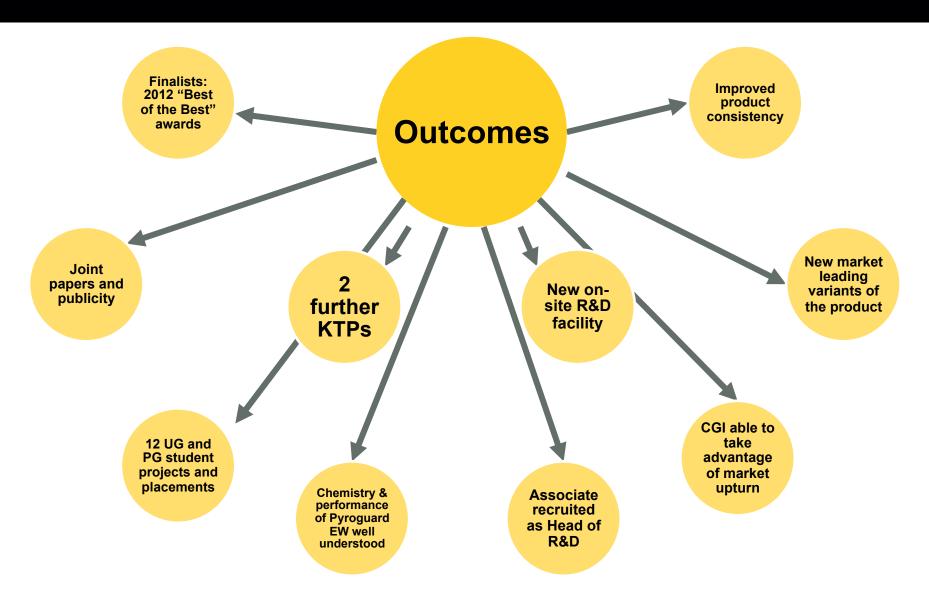


## "CGI to be regarded in future by the outside world as a technically led company

selling innovative solutions to the fire engineering problems faced by the construction industry"

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## 2 new KTPs!

#### **Areas identified:**



- Improve quality and consistency in manufacture
- Enable production of larger sizes
- Ensure consistent product quality
- Reduce costs

"To review and understand fire resistant glass manufacturing and quality issues and model and implement improvements"

#### **New Product Development**

- Replace bought-in El product
- Produce innovative, proprietary product
- Enable both market and profit growth

"To understand the science underpinning the performance of silicate based intumescents and current fire insulating glasses and to develop an innovative, proprietary product"

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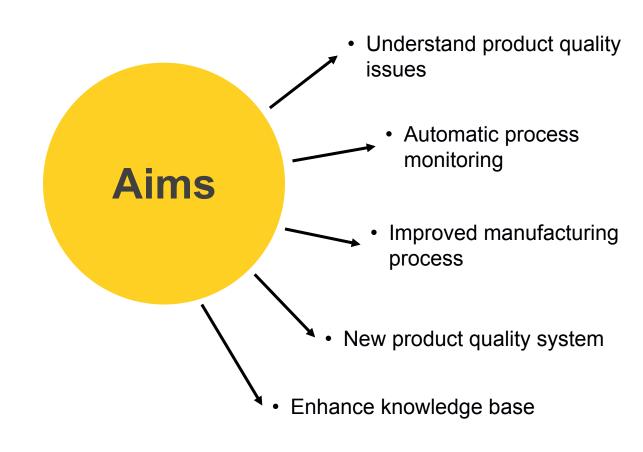


## **Manufacturing KTP**

2 year project

Associate: Masters in Chem Eng

Academic: Dr Harvey Thompson School of Mech Eng





## **Manufacturing KTP**





## "KTPs provide an excellent mechanism for harnessing a technical knowledge resource

far beyond the scope of an SME to solve issues where the intervention of "big brains" and new ideas are required.

"Associates are commonly highly skilled and motivated and can thrive in this partnership environment"

**Dr Vince Crook** 

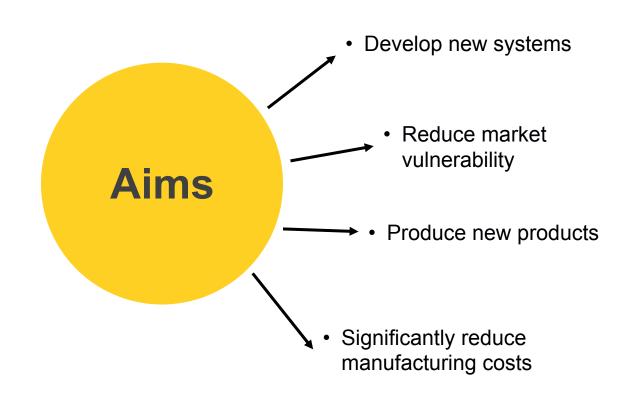


## **Product Development KTP**

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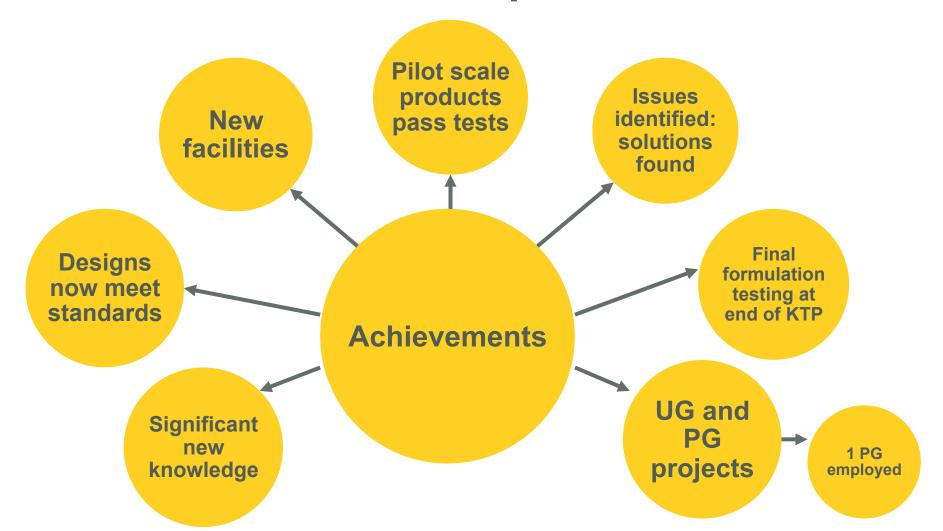
Associate: PhD in Polymer Science

Academic: Prof. Jim Guthrie, School of Chemistry





## **Product Development KTP**





"The KTP programme has delivered again for CGI. Our progress has been accelerated way beyond what could be achieved outside of the programme. We were able to attract an extremely talented chemist and build a technical team of enthusiastic contributors from both the University and Industry. It is likely that without the focus that the KTP framework creates the project may have run aground at any of the many technical hurdles that were encountered. CGI are now investing heavily to commercialise the outcome"

**Dr Vince Crook** 



"The extent of cross-fertilisation of concepts,

interpretations and ideas between the industrial and academic team members,

counselled by the KTP Office and KTP Adviser, has been great –

leading to opportunities for the development of people, research and the potential for further collaboration"

Prof. Jim Guthrie



In summary...

CGI transformed as a business

3 Associates gained experience and jobs

University of Leeds: teaching and employment benefits

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