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Sika Watertight Concrete System achieves full BBA certification

SikaSwell®-A 2010 and SikaSwell S-2, a hydrophilic joint sealing system that is used to seal construction joints in watertight concrete construction, has recently been awarded BBA certification.

This joins the Sika Watertight Concrete admixture which is already accredited and means that the Sika® Watertight Concrete System is now fully BBA certified.

The BBA is the UK's major authority offering approval and certification services to manufacturers and installers supplying the construction industry. BBA approval is recognised by building control, government departments, architects, local authorities, specifiers, and industry insurers like the National House Building Council (NHBC).

In fact, the Sika® Watertight System is the only watertight concrete system that has been awarded certification for both the concrete admixtures and hydrophilic joint sealing systems. The Sika Watertight Concrete System is accepted by the NHBC, which requires BBA accreditation for all its projects.

The Sika® Watertight Concrete System offers a comprehensive solution to waterproofing below ground structures. The system consists of concrete that has been specially modified with Sika admixtures to produce watertight concrete, together with hydrophilic joints to produce a watertight structure.

Watertight concrete structures can be designed to keep water in or out or both. The lack of obtainable land throughout the UK has produced a need to maximise design flexibility that has led clients and specifiers to look below ground as an alternative, whether for basement parking or a habitable environment.

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Examples of structures that benefit from watertight concrete are swimming pools, habitable basements, underground car parks and lift pits.

Together with a guaranteed performance, the Sika Watertight Concrete System is backed by a successful track record extending back over 50 years, giving peace of mind to the client, specifier and contractor. It is a cost effective solution that delivers the maximum usable area to the occupier.

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In the UK, Sika provides market-leading solutions for concrete, waterproofing, roofing, flooring, refurbishment, sealing & bonding, and industry. Sika in the UK has manufacturing sites in Welwyn Garden City, Preston, and Leeds with 700 employees and a turnover of £100 million.

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