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Trade body reaches landmark acoustic testing figure

A trade body programme developed to provide independent verification of pre-completion sound compliance testing in the housebuilding sector has reached a landmark figure.

The 400,000th test has been recorded under the ANC, the Association of Noise Consultants', ADE (Approved Document E) Registration Scheme.

Robin Mackenzie Partnership (RMP) were commissioned to undertake the completion sound testing at new build flats and houses in Alva, Clackmannanshire, which have been developed using Offsite Volumetric Construction.

Nicola Robertson, a consultant at Robin Mackenzie Partnership, completed the milestone test at the site.

Construction Scotland Innovation Centre supported the project in Offsite Volumetric Construction in partnership with Tigh Grian Ltd, Edinburgh Napier University, Strathclyde University and Link Group Ltd.

Robin Mackenzie Partnership are ANC members and employ some of more than 300 ANC-registered testers, all qualified in acoustics, able to deliver the trade association's sound insulation testing scheme across the UK.

Providing pre-completion sound insulation tests in accordance with Approved Document E 'Resistance to the Passage of Sound' of the Building Regulations and its equivalent in Scotland, the service meets these requirements to test new and converted dwellings for sound insulation.

Members of the ANC Registration Scheme are suitably qualified testers who hold approved third-party accreditation in a form approved by DCLG (Department of Communities & Local Government).

The Scheme also has third party assessment of its procedures and operation provided by BRE Global.

Robert Osborne of ANC, said: "The ANC Registration Scheme for pre-completion testing was established in 2004 by members of the association, who wanted to make the process as streamlined, cost effective and straightforward as possible.

"Since then it has gone from strength-to-strength in the industry.

“Benefits include the ability, if required, for our registered testers to provide advice on overcoming problems which may be identified during the test.

“The mechanics of recording the test through the online ADvANCE system are also well-regarded.

“Clients are provided with a unique task number and password for every test undertaken using ADvANCE.

“This, with an ANC sound insulation test report, allows the Building Control Officer to verify the test has been undertaken by a qualified tester and confirm the results.

“The information is then included in all ANC sound insulation test reports and access can be gained of all the results for a site.”

To search for ANC members registered to carry out pre-completion testing please visit www.association-of-noise-consultants.co.uk/members-search

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About ANC, the Association of Noise Consultants

ANC members provide consultancy advice across all areas of acoustics, noise and vibration sectors to support the built environment, transportation and entertainment sectors. Members also aid the well-being and comfort of building-users across the whole spectrum of use, in public, private and commercial places

Their expertise creates usable environments from the most challenging sites.

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