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BENCHMARK SCAFFOLDING LTD 

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WE CELEBRATE**15 GLORIOUS YEARS**

On 1st March 1995, Benchmark Scaffolding Ltd was born.

We were conceived on 9th January, when the Certificate of Incorporation was issued by Companies House, and 7 weeks afterwards, we were up and running and started to trade.

Boasting a staffing contingent of 3, and yard, driving and scaffolding operatives of 3, we commenced our first contract for Stonewest Ltd at Inner Temple in London.

The office was an upstairs flat above a video shop in Lansbury Drive, Hayes and the back garden doubled for a working yard. Within weeks we had secured contracts for the likes of Bowmer & Kirkland, Overbury and Mansells and our 16th job at Riverwalk House on Millbank was our first contract with Bovis Lend Lease which has since proved to be a long and successful relationship.

Success doesn't come easily though and we soon found ourselves working 12 hour days, 7 days a week, but we were happy then!

The story since then has been the tremendous success you are all familiar with, which is no doubt the envy of the scaffolding industry. A successful foundation which has proved vital in sustaining our business through these turbulent economic times.

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CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION OF A PRIVATE LIMITED COMPANY

Company No. 3007892

The Registrar of Companies for England and Wales hereby certifies that
BENCHMARK SCAFFOLDING LIMITED

is this day incorporated under the Companies Act 1985 as a private
company and that the company is limited.

Given at Companies House, Cardiff, the 9th January 1995

For the Registrar of Companies



COMPANIES HOUSE

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These are just some of the major and prestigious projects Benchmark Scaffolding has undertaken in 15 years of trading within the London Region



Morton Hall
Mormon Temple
Kings College
Palace of Westminster
Parliament View
Gracechurch Street
Battersea Power Station



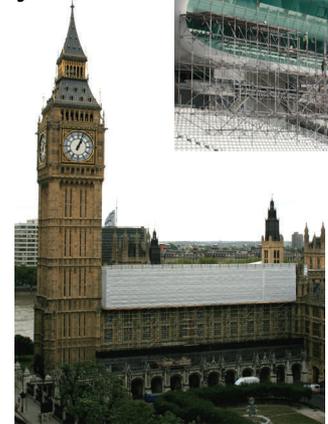
Midsummer Place Shopping Centre, Milton Keynes
Mayfair Place



Duke of York HQ, Kings Road

New Tate Gallery
Kew Gardens

Royal Court Project
Royal Opera House
Telecom Tower
Windsor Castle



Lords Cricket Ground
St Mary's Hospital, Isle of Wight



London Coliseum
Empress State Building
Stowe School
New Romford Hospital
Bankside 123



Finsbury Circus
Great West House, Brentford
The London Guildhall
The Old London Stock Exchange
Project SLAM



East London Line
More London
51 Lime Street

Westfield Shopping Centres, White City and Stratford
The Café Royal



Selfridges, Oxford Street
Dickens & Jones, Regent Street
Craven Cottage FFC
St Barnabus Church
Piccadilly Circus



SAFETY AWARDS

December

Brett Davis won the Northern award. When he was dismantling a scaffold and where the balconies did not have guard-rails, he checked the doors and found them to be unlocked. He went to the Principal Contractor who could not find the keys so proceeded to place handrails in front of the door preventing accidental opening.

Dale Gourlay won the London award. When steel erectors were working through the scaffold creating holes that could not be repaired immediately, Dale made sure the signage was in place informing people of the hazard and excluding non essential works on the scaffold until safe.

February

Jonathan Wilkins and his team on the **NUSA** site (Carillion) won the Northern award for having run a near perfect job and winning several site safety awards.

Ray Gray won the London award for attending a serious road accident and using his skills as a first aider to stop a heavy head bleed and prevented others putting the victim in the recovery position. Which if done would have caused further serious injury, as the victim had a broken pelvis.



SLIPS, TRIPS & FOOLS



*THE MOST COMMON ACCIDENTS IN THE CONSTRUCTION
INDUSTRY ARE SLIPS & TRIPS
(10,000 EVERY YEAR)*

*YOU ARE MOST LIKELY TO HAVE A LOST TIME ACCIDENT FOLLOWING A
SLIP OR A TRIP*

MORE THAN LIKELY, YOU WILL HAVE CAUSED YOUR OWN SLIP OR TRIP

TO PREVENT SLIPS & TRIPS:-



ONLY WORK IN AREAS WHERE THERE IS SUFFICIENT LIGHTING



ENSURE THAT YOUR WORK AREA IS FREE FROM OBSTRUCTIONS



SEE THAT YOUR ACCESS & EGRESS ROUTES ARE CLEAR



REMOVE RUBBISH OR LOOSE MATERIALS AFTER WORKING

DO.N'T BECOME A FOOL

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To: - All Operational Staff

TG20:08 /EN12811-1 – WORKING REQUIREMENT UPDATE BASIC **SCAFFOLDS. ISSUE 2** **March 2010**

1. Scaffold Ties:-

Basic Scaffolds should be tied every other lift (4.0m) and every other bay which means for 1.8m upright spacing ties will be 3.6m centres, 2.0 centres of uprights would be 4.0m tie centres and so on up to 2.7m bay which will allow 5.4m tie spacing.

Sheeted or Netted scaffolds must always be tied at the top lift level.

Unbraced pavement lifts up to 2.7m max must be tied in accordance with section 6.2.2 of TG20:08 and this is attached for information.

On netted and sheeted scaffolds ties must be 2 fitting value and unsheeted scaffolds must be 1 fitting value.

Fischer type ties are not to be used under any circumstances,

Reveal ties are subject to design approval and may only be used for up to 50% of the total when the scaffold is not sheeted or netted.

It should also be noted that it is not permissible to sheet or net systems such as Haki unless they are tied at every node point or specifically designed.

(See D/BM 2342/2 for Further Tie information).

2. Face Bracing:-

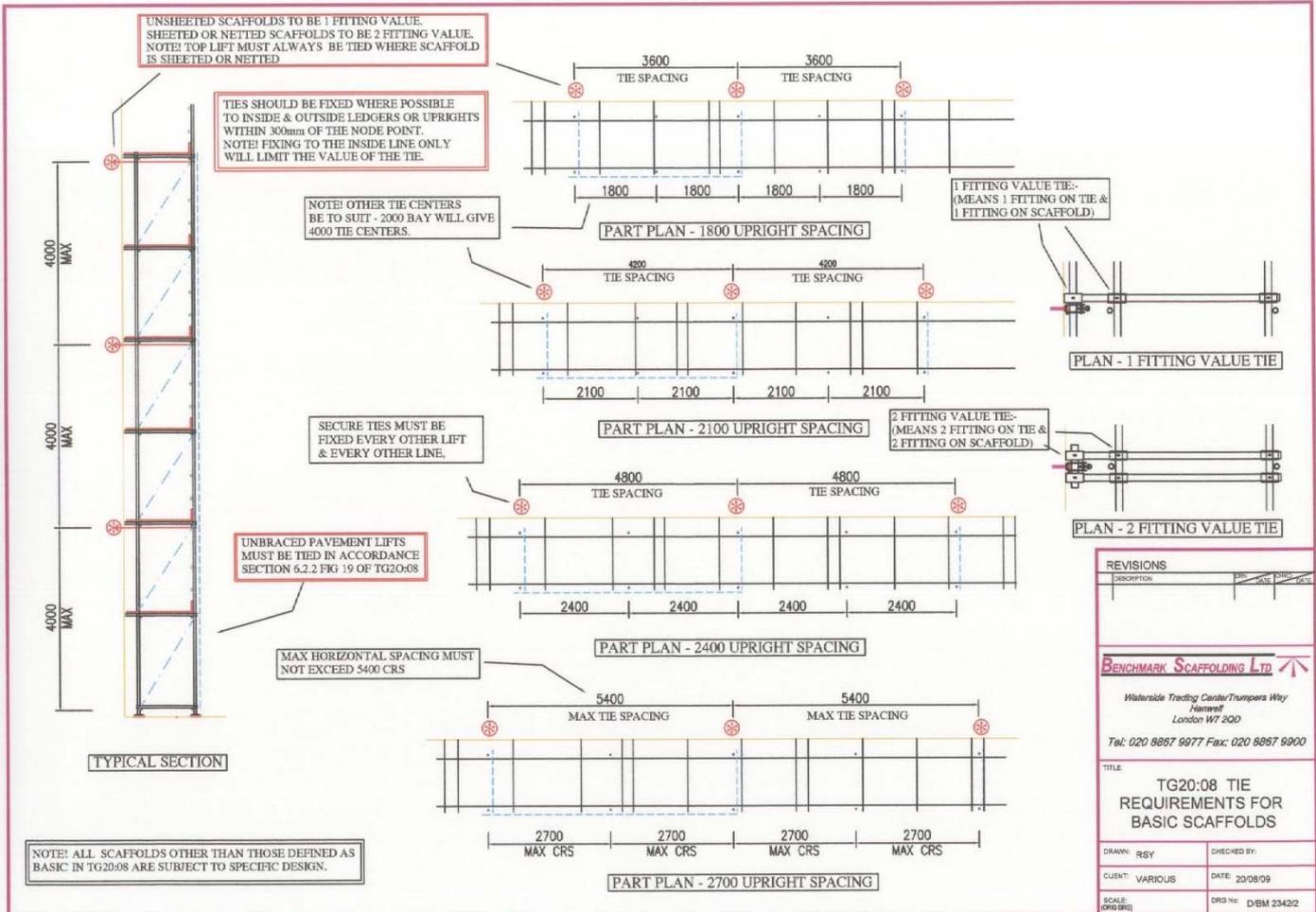
Face or Façade Bracing should be fixed full height to the outside of the standards every sixth bay and must now extend over two bays between ledger braced standards. You should always have one full height section of face bracing for every six bays of scaffold.

(See D/BM 2342/3 attached for further Face Brace information)

If anyone does need any further information please do not hesitate to contact Technical services or your Contracts Manager.

Regards

Bob Young
Technical Director



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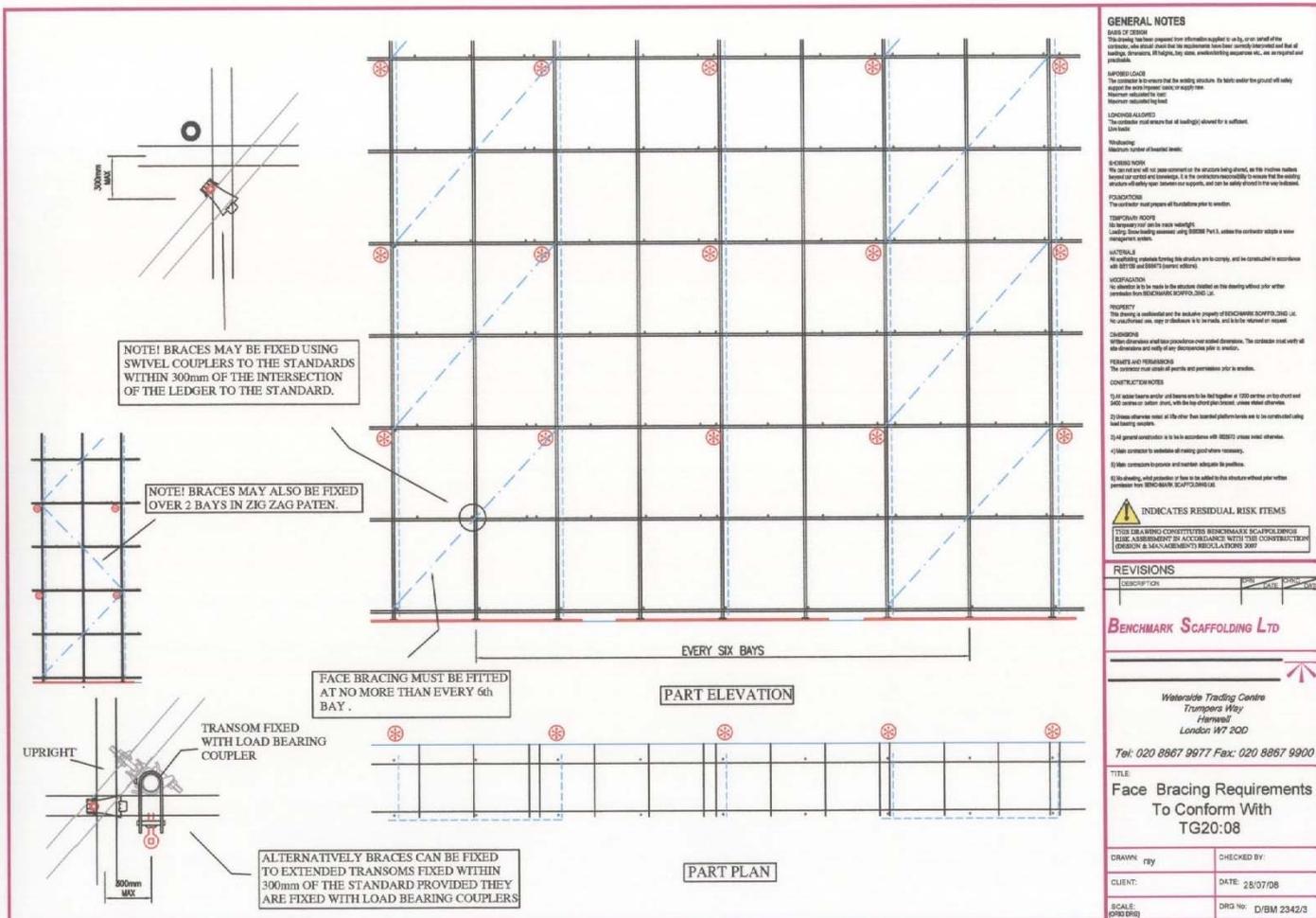
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TITLE: **TG20:08 TIE REQUIREMENTS FOR BASIC SCAFFOLDS**

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CLIENT: VARIOUS	DATE: 20/08/09
SCALE: (DRG DRG)	DRG No: D/BM 2342/2



GENERAL NOTES

BASE OF DESIGN
The design has been prepared from information supplied to us by our client of the construction and shall be used for the design of the scaffold. It is the responsibility of the client to ensure that the design is used in accordance with the design and that all loading, dimensions, heights, bay sizes, and conditions are as specified and as approved.

SUPPOSED LOADS
The contractor is to ensure that the working situation, its loads and the ground will safely support the scaffold structure. The contractor is to ensure that the scaffold is used in accordance with the design and that all loading, dimensions, heights, bay sizes, and conditions are as specified and as approved.

LOADINGS ALLOWED
The scaffold must be used in accordance with the design and that all loading, dimensions, heights, bay sizes, and conditions are as specified and as approved.

WORKING
Maximum number of horizontal levels:
The scaffold must be used in accordance with the design and that all loading, dimensions, heights, bay sizes, and conditions are as specified and as approved.

WORKING HEIGHT
We can not be held responsible for the structure being erected, as the maximum height beyond our control and knowledge. It is the contractor's responsibility to ensure that the working situation will safely support the scaffold, and can be safely erected to the height required.

FOUNDATION
The contractor must prepare all foundations prior to erection.

TEMPORARY ROOF
No temporary roof shall be used without the approval of the design engineer.

MATERIALS
All scaffold materials forming the structure are to comply, and be connected in accordance with BS1139 and BS1139-1 unless otherwise stated.

MODIFICATION
No alteration is to be made to the structure without the written approval of the design engineer.

PROPERTY
The design is the intellectual property of BENCHMARK SCAFFOLDING LTD. It is not to be used for any other purpose without the written approval of the design engineer.

DESIGNATION
The design is the intellectual property of BENCHMARK SCAFFOLDING LTD. It is not to be used for any other purpose without the written approval of the design engineer.

QUESTIONS AND REQUIREMENTS
The contractor must consult all details and specifications prior to erection.

CONSTRUCTION NOTES

- All scaffold materials and beams are to be fastened to the structure in accordance with the design and that all loading, dimensions, heights, bay sizes, and conditions are as specified and as approved.
- Unless otherwise stated all other face bracing pattern levels are to be constructed using load bearing members.
- All ground connections are to be in accordance with BS1139 unless stated otherwise.
- Make connections to existing structures wherever necessary.
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- All shoring, wall protection or ties to be added to the structure without prior written permission from BENCHMARK SCAFFOLDING LTD.

INDICATES RESIDUAL RISK ITEMS

THIS DESIGN IS A BENCHMARK SCAFFOLDING LTD. DESIGN. ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONSTRUCTION DESIGN & MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS 2007

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TITLE: **Face Bracing Requirements To Conform With TG20:08**

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Westfield Stratford

Westfield Stratford were under pressure to have an area ready for hand over to a hotel company by the 1st March 2010, this included the podium level of a building to be watertight.

On Monday the 22nd February 2010 the BSL site team at Westfield Stratford received a call from the construction manager in charge of building D1 saying that due to the heavy rain at the time and the forecast for more all week could we fix a tarpaulin over an area 52m long x 15m wide. When we explained that we did not have tarps that big they then suggested to do it in smaller areas, but it was then explained that the water would just run from the covered area to the uncovered.

Westfield then made the call to super MD who flew to site (lucky for us he was in the city at the time) did a quick survey of the area to be covered, went back to the Westfield site offices and explained in detail the quickness and efficiency of Benchmark's Haki roof system.

We were told to go ahead and we started to mobilize, this was at about 2.30pm. We had a lorry from Beckton at 4.30pm with 450mm Haki beams and fittings which were fixed to the steel columns and formed the ledgers which took the 750mm haki roof beams, some of these came from Hanwell that night along with some roof cassettes.

A team of scaffolders stayed to 10pm that night and fixed all the 450mm beams.

The next day the team started to erect the roof beams and crane them in to position and then fix the roof cassettes, by 10pm that night Westfield had a section of roof covered and the next morning the roofers started to asphalt.

By Thursday the roof was complete and at 4pm on the Friday we started to dismantle working through to 10pm again.

The roof was completely dismantled on the Saturday and all the materials were cleared and gone by 1pm Sunday.

The members of the team are too numerous to mention and to single any one out would not be fair on the other members of the team, but this could not have been achieved with out Rob's initial input to have the men and materials on site on the Monday night, and his enthusiasm and belief was infectious.

The team experienced long hours, foul weather virtually all week with heavy rain, snow and high winds and the dedication to the task by all concerned was admirable.



Wentworth Castle ROTUNDA Barnsley

This fascinating monument was built in the 18th century. Thomas Wentworth began the construction of the Rotunda in 1739 and was finished by William Wentworth, his son, in 1742.



The ground floor of The Rotunda is believed to have been used to entertain guests and the cellar below is where servants prepared the food and drink for the functions.

Benchmark Scaffolding Ltd have erected scaffolding around the Rotunda so Linford-Bridgeman Ltd can re-build the roof and consolidate the existing stone structure.



If you've recently had a new addition to your family,
or a birthday coming up
send us a photo to the Barnsley office
and we'll make sure we show them in the next edition
or you could email us

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Our mission is to not only "Set the Standards" but to progressively and continuously raise them across all aspects of our business.

Our vision is to be the scaffolding contractor of choice to our customers and employer of choice to our people.



On the 6th February 2010 Simon Reece, from the Northern Region, proposed to Jill Wilkinson with intent to marry.

Congratulations



Meet Keith Lawson's Granddaughter



Miley Jay born 5th January 2010

Northern Region

Diesel



**Half Alsatian
Half Rottweiler
Aww bless**

Mark Knitter—Estimator/
Surveyor
Northern Region

