

phased refurb for 25-year old development agency building



The Department for International Development (DFID) manages Britain's aid to poorer countries, and its focus is on meeting the internationally agreed Millennium Development Goals by 2015. These include the elimination of extreme poverty and hunger, the availability of universal primary education, reductions in child mortality rates and improvements in maternal health, fighting AIDS and other diseases, and the promotion of sustainable environmental policies and practices.

Abercrombie House in East Kilbride is one of the DFID's two headquarters. The building has been home to the Department for 25 years and was in need of extensive refurbishment. In addition, accommodation was needed for a number of departments relocating from London.

The carpet supplied for the refurbishment included Adventurer (formerly known as C&A Explorer) which is designed for heavy contract applications. It is constructed as a multi-colour loop pile design in 1/13 inch gauge and provides exceptional appearance retention.

Adventurer is fully recyclable and has face fibres with a minimum of 43.5 percent post-industrial recycled content. In addition, Gradus will recover the carpet at the end of its working life and guarantees to recycle the tiles into new carpet components, notably ER3 backing. This unique recycling programme guarantees all carpet returned will be recycled in its entirety and not incinerated, used for landfill or disposed of in any other way.

The Abercrombie House Project Team included representatives from DFID, the Office of Government Commerce, Turner and Townsend, GVA Grimley and the main contractor ROK/Dickie. The carpet was installed by a team from the Glasgow office of Veitchi Group.



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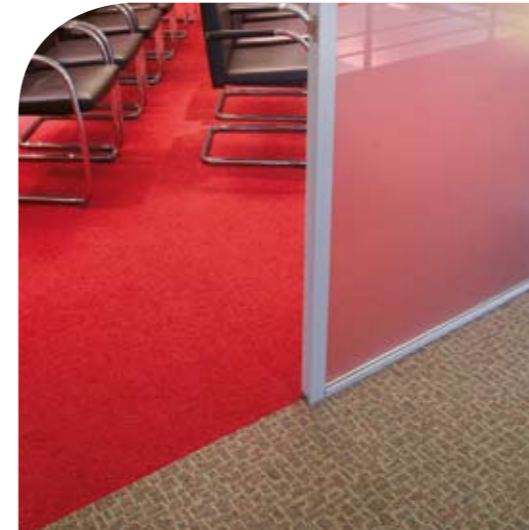
the detail

- ❑ Project : Department for International Development headquarters, East Kilbride
- ❑ Installation date : December, 2004
- ❑ Area : 6000 square metres
- ❑ Product : Adventurer
- ❑ Construction : Loop pile tufted, 1/13 inch gauge
- ❑ Fibre : 100 percent solution dyed nylon
- ❑ Backing : ER3 backing with 100 percent recycled content
- ❑ Client : Office of Government Commerce
- ❑ Main contractor : ROK / Dickie
- ❑ Installation contractor : Veitchi Group (Glasgow office)
- ❑ Department manages Britain's aid to poorer countries
- ❑ 25 year old building required complete refurbishment
- ❑ Additional accommodation was needed for relocated departments
- ❑ Warranties : 20 year wear warranty - PVC backed carpet; 10 year wear warranty - bitumen backed carpet; 25 year wear warranty - ER3 backed carpet (available on PVC tile and PVC sheet)



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Adventurer carpet with
PVC backing is completely recyclable
at the end of its working life into
new carpet backing



The DFID has two headquarters, one in London and the other at Abercrombie House. The six floors were refurbished on a phased basis, with staff moving temporarily to an annex.