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## **Vitracore G2 cladding**

Dear Clive,

The Government has today concluded fire safety tests of the Vitracore G2 cladding product.

Our testing has demonstrated that the product being sold on the market differs from the one tested for classification. The results show the samples tested contain more combustible adhesive than is specified in the original classification report. Although this, on its own, does not confirm that the product would not meet the A2 classification, it is clear that the samples do not match the specification, as set out in the original A2 classification report. Therefore it may not achieve the fire safety standard it has been classified to.

We have taken immediate action and referred this matter to Trading Standards and asked the supplier to withdraw the product from the market until it can demonstrate it meets the required standard. We have also contacted the two high rise residential building owners that have purchased Vitracore G2 for use on their buildings to inform them of our finding.

This product is not widely used in the UK but we have asked the Government's Independent Expert Panel what additional action, if any, may be necessary.

There is nothing more important than ensuring people are safe in their homes.

**RT HON JAMES BROKENSHERE MP**