

UNDER

THE COMMISSIONS OF INQUIRY ACT 1908

IN THE MATTER OF

**ROYAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO BUILDING
FAILURE CAUSED BY CANTERBURY
EARTHQUAKES**

**KOMIHANA A TE KARAUNA HEI TIROTIRO I NGA
WHARE I HORO I NGA RUWHENUA O WAITAHA**

AND IN THE MATTER OF

THE CTV BUILDING COLLAPSE

**STATEMENT OF EVIDENCE OF PIETER VAN DEN BERG
IN RELATION TO THE CTV BUILDING**

DATE OF HEARING: COMMENCING 25 JUNE 2012

STATEMENT OF EVIDENCE OF PIETER VAN DEN BERG IN RESPECT OF THE CTV BUILDING

1. My full name is Pieter Gerrit Van den Berg. I live in Christchurch. I operate my own business, Standstill & Seymour Builders Ltd, based in Christchurch.

Western Wall

2. In January 2011 Standstill & Seymour Builders were instructed by John Drew to provide a quotation for the recladding of the western wall of the CTV Building at 249 Madras Street.
3. I visited the CTV Building and inspected the western wall in order to provide a quotation. It consisted of blockwork between square columns for the first half height of the Building. I was aware that the wall had become exposed due to the recent demolition of a building immediately adjacent to the wall.
4. I have been asked if I can recall whether there was any separation or gap between the blockwork and the square columns but I am unable to recall with certainty.
5. I then provided Mr Drew with a written quote for recladding the lower 10m of the building with Colorcote RZ8 V-Rib as well as battens, fire resistant paper, scissor lift hire and delivery [BUI.MAD249.0474.1]. The quoted price was \$26,800, excluding GST [BUI.MAD249.0474A.1]. That was accepted and the work started on 21 February 2011. It was subcontracted to Bruce Campbell Roofing.

Work inside the Building

6. I also went into the CTV Building at about this time because Standstill & Seymour were asked to provide a quotation for putting vanities into the doctor's rooms in The Clinic on Level 4. The doctor's rooms were all on the eastern wall of the Building. I have marked these on a floor plan of the building marked 'A'. The location of these rooms on the plan is approximate only. In order to see how much room there was to run waste pipes underneath I went down to the tenancy on the level below, Kings Education, and removed plaster ceiling tiles in a few different areas on that level. I have marked with an 'x' the approximate areas where I can remember looking above the ceiling tiles. In each area of the space between levels that I examined saw nothing that concerned me. I saw no damage or cracking to the concrete beams.

7. I do remember seeing a crack in the tiles in the ground floor entranceway, from the Madras Street entrance to the lifts, in February 2011. I believe the tiles had been replaced just prior to that because I was there when it rained and the tiles became very slippery because they were shiny. The crack that I saw was at least 1.5 metres long and ran from about 600mm out from the eastern most lift and in the direction of the entranceway. The crack was at least 1.5 metres long. It ran through the first two tiles as you came out of the lift. I have marked the approximate location of this crack on a plan marked 'B'.

8. Other than the crack in the tiles I was not aware of any other earthquake damage to areas of the building that I saw other than plaster cracks in the ground floor entranceway from Madras Street.

Signed: _____



Pieter Van den Berg

Dated: _____

28-6-12



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Christchurch

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20 January 2011
John Drew
Madras Equities
CTV Building
Christchurch

Dear John,

This document outlines the price given by Standstill and Seymour Builders Ltd for the re cladding of the west side of the CTV building. This price includes recladding the lower 10m of the building with Colorcote RZ8 V-Rib. The price also includes battens, fire resistant paper, scissor lift hire and delivery.

The price is \$26 800 +GST

I have not allowed for any council costs and have assumed free access from the neighbouring empty lot. I have not allowed for any painting, plumbing or electrical work as none is expected.

Thank you for the opportunity to price for this job. If accepted I am sure I can provide a professional service and deliver a top quality product. I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Sincerely yours,

Pieter van den Berg

Accepted

TAX INVOICE**Presented By**

Standstill and Seymour Builders Ltd
Builder

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Christchurch 8023
Phone & Fax (03) 332 9769
Cell Phone 021 337941

Invoice Number 8084
Invoice Date 6/03/2011

GST Number 99-350-571

Customer

Name: John Drew
Addr:
Attn:

Job Name

Notes

Description	Qty	Unit Price	Price
Cladding of west wall of CTV building as per quote			\$26,800.00

Totals

Sub Total \$26,800.00
GST: \$ 4,020.00
Total \$30,820.00

Preferred Payment Method, Bank / Internet Transfer

Account Number 123148 0207175 00

Or Cheques made out to Standstill and Seymour Builders Ltd

Terms and Conditions

Invoices are due within ten days following date of invoice.

Costs incurred in late payment will be passed on to person/company named on invoice.

Return Address

Pieter van den Berg
1 Crichton Tce
Christchurch 2

Customer Name John Drew
Invoice Number 8084
Amount Due \$ 30,820.00



