SIKA AT WORK
HYGIENIC COATING FOR QUEEN MARY’S HOSPITAL, UK
WALL COATING: Sikagard®
PROJECT DESCRIPTION
Queen Mary’s hospital is renowned for its specialist work with amputees, and opened the Douglas Bader Centre – a facility designed to support rehabilitation services for amputees – in 1993. Work began on re-building the hospital in 2003, as part of a new Private Finance Initiative to redevelop Queen Mary’s. The consortium involved required a hygiene coating to provide superior protection for the internal walls and ceilings of the new structure which is total 3,629 m².

SIKA SOLUTIONS
In 2005, Sika supplied its high performance hygiene coating Sikagard®-205 for the ceilings of all hygiene sensitive areas. Sikagard®-205 was also used for areas of high impact around the internal walls of the hospital. In this instance an embedment coat of Sikagard®-203 was used, reinforced with Reemat Lite and overcoated with another application of Sikagard®-203 before two top coats of Sikagard®-205 were applied.

PROJECT PARTICIPANTS
Sika also supplied its Sikagard®-205 product for the creation of a ‘Palm-house Skylight’ mural in the new Day Case Unit. The hospital is a long standing champion of Art in Healthcare, and required a ceiling mural to allow staff to monitor the good effects of decorative art on patients undergoing day surgery.

Sikagard®-205 is a tough, highly durable anti-microbial coating that is superior to ordinary paints. It not only withstands repeated cleaning regimes but is also rapid drying and highly elastomeric – eliminating cracking or flaking. Its inherent ingredients prevent the growth of microorganisms on its surface, thus adding an extra line of defence in the battle against hospital acquired infections.

PROJECT PARTICIPANTS
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