

Merry Christmas to First Milk

During the 2005 and 2006 Christmas breaks Kemtile replaced the whole of the floor at Project Pear for First Milk in Haverford West. 750 sqm of Kagetec GFK ceramic tiling system in Aruba grey with R10 slip resistant finish were laid in the cheese room, the clarifier room, the ante room and the MCC room. The project was spread over an 18 month period working during shutdown and allowing for the installation and commissioning of new plant during quieter periods of production.

Kemtile also provided ceiling coatings, plinths, tiled columns skirting tiles manholes and channels. Open ladder gratings were fitted to gullies, stainless steel trays were fitted under existing plant in the cheddar tower and stainless steel billets were fitted throughout to accommodate plant legs. To finish the walls were treated with Protectorseal Fibre glass Wall lining. Protectorseal is a totally seamless fibre glass reinforced resin system, available in a wide range of colours, sheens and finishes. It is hard wearing and able to withstand the rigours of high pressure cleaning.

The work was done under very harsh conditions; often working under plant and equipment that couldn't be moved and there were problems as the work progressed. In particular there were problems with the substrate which had to be solved on site. This made completing the project within the time constraints of a Christmas shutdown very challenging.

Peter Bayan of First Milk told us. "Quite an organised outfit with excellent communications from the workshop floor level all the way up to Jamie Cook and issues were dealt with swiftly and effectively."

Kemtile have been asked to work on a further two areas; one in the crystallisation room and the other in the old dairy