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Is it Uniq?

Kemtile were main contractor to the project that converted a warehouse into a sandwich manufacturing plant for European chilled convenience food manufacture Uniq. This state of the art manufacturing facility at Northampton now makes sandwiches for Marks & Spencer and British Airways amongst others.

Kemtile installed underground drainage, stainless steel kerbs and drains and both ceramic and seamless flooring. Using the Kagetec BS system Kemtile laid 1200 square metres of Pilkington's Dorset Hexagon colour Sandstone with R11 granular finish for additional slip resistance.

Pilkington's Dorset Hexagon was developed in close collaboration with Kemtile to satisfy a specific need in this demanding market and to suit Kemtile's unique flooring systems and fixing methods. It is an addition to the Dorset Woolliscroft Floor Tile Collection and is a 100 x 100 x 100 x 18mm Hexagonal Fully Vitrified Floor with spacer lugs.

The hexagonal shape is better suited for dishing to falls around gullies, which make them ideal in manufacturing environments where regular wash downs are required. When laid the evidence of the perpendicular lines are less obvious. They are specifically designed to be laid by the vibration method.

Stephen Westley, Director of Kemtile, is delighted with the range. "Because of their manufactured quality and performance we have been using the Atlaz range in 200x100 for several years. We have used them extensively in our core market, the food and drink industry for major manufacturers including Manor Bakeries, Dairy Crest, AG Barr, Cargill and many others. We have also tiled about 10 fire stations in Liverpool with the rectangular tiles. However, Dorset Hexagon tiles offer distinct advantages over rectangular tiles in the food industry. It is very reassuring to know we can source them right on our doorstep; being able to source an industrial quality floor tile from a UK manufacturer at a time when the Sterling Euro exchange rate is so volatile helps Kemtile to estimate more accurately and control costs".

"Kemtile had a good on site manager who has controlled things really well. Everything went according to plan, we had to make some changes, but these were accommodated."
Tom Caulfield – Uniq Northampton.

Kemtile are now market leader in supplying tiled floors to the food and drink industry. They lay more tiled floors in food factories every year than any other company in the UK. Pilkington's Tile Group is Britain's only manufacturer of industrial floor tiles. So both are Unique.