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### **Armstrong Ceilings fly out of Farnborough**

***The 2014 Farnborough International Airshow made use of both of Armstrong's recycling schemes.***

This year's Farnborough International Airshow (July 19-20) made its [first use of Armstrong Ceilings' Off-Cut recycling scheme](#).

A regular user of Armstrong's End-of-Life recycling scheme for the ceilings of the show's temporary corporate hospitality and business chalets, 2014 saw the first time it used both of Armstrong's pioneering schemes.

Armstrong was first brought in to recycle its suspended ceilings at the 2008 airshow by the event's largest independent chalet fitting contractor SDD|GES and back then saved a total of 2,600m<sup>2</sup> (or 10 tonnes) going to landfill.

This year, Armstrong recycled five times that - a total of 13,400m<sup>2</sup> (or 55 tonnes) of its mineral ceiling tiles. Some 1,200m<sup>2</sup> or 4.5 tonnes were recycled from the off-cuts of the new tiles being installed before the show. Another 12,200m<sup>2</sup> or 50 tonnes came from the tiles being dismantled at the end of the show.

After dismantling, the palletised mineral tiles, as well as 20 bags of ceiling off-cuts, were collated in a holding area in the exhibition hall then transported by a total of eight Armstrong trucks back to the company's plant in Gateshead, Tyne and Wear, where they are broken down and used as the raw material for new tiles.

The corporate hospitality and business chalets, which are used by such prestigious exhibitors as Lockheed Martin, Boeing and Rolls Royce, typically take five weeks to build and fit out and one week to dismantle.

Some 3,000m<sup>2</sup> of mineral tiles were recycled for SDD|GES by Hampshire-based ceilings and partitioning contractor RSD Systems Ltd. The Portsmouth branch of specialist supplier SIG Interiors helped load the pallets onto the trucks.

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David Humphreys, operations director at SDD|GES, said: “We specify the Armstrong tiles for a variety of reasons including their aesthetics, acoustics and ability to resist the higher levels of humidity on site, an element that is supported by a lifetime guarantee.

“In addition, the End-of-Life recycling schemes have been so successful we did not hesitate to specify the Off-Cut scheme as Armstrong’s recycling scheme is well established and efficient. We knew Armstrong could handle the potential for a much larger involvement this year and we have been very pleased to pro-actively encourage the recycling scheme to the wider site, beyond the SDD|GES scope of projects.”

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