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PADDING UP OLD TRAFFORD



Old Trafford Cricket Ground

Prysmian FP Plus and FP200 Gold, have been specified and installed as part of a grand £32 million transformation of Old Trafford Cricket Ground, home to the world famous Lancashire County Cricket Club.

8,000 metres of FP have been used as part of the fire alarm system, in preparation for Old Trafford becoming a first class international venue for competitive cricket. Developments at the ground were constructed by Morgan Sindall and include two new grandstands, dressing rooms, a new media centre and refurbishment of the pavilion.

FP200 Gold and FP Plus, high quality hard skin fire resistant cables, both incorporate unique Insudite, which greatly reduces the risk of third party damage. FP Plus and FP200 Gold comply with fire alarm standard BS 5839-1 for "enhanced" and "standard" fire-resistant cable and are both BASEC and LPCB approved. Capacity at the ground will permanently increase to 15,000 and additional temporary seating will push the stadium to house 25,000 for international tests. Safety was therefore a top priority for the developments at Old Trafford to safeguard the new influx of cricket fans into the venue.

Genlec Electrical Contractors Limited began the installation in February, Purchasing Manager, John Lawrence explains, 'This is a huge project for us, with a combined M&E value of £2 million. We have specified Prysmian cables in the past on other high profile jobs as they live up to their reputation in terms of availability, price and most importantly, the third party approvals.'

The developments at the cricket ground are part of a wider regeneration of a sports-led 50-acre mixed use site in Old Trafford that will create more than 2,000 new jobs for the local area.

John and his team completed the installation mid August in time for a Twenty20 match between England and South Africa. Old Trafford Cricket Ground will then join other leading UK cricket venues to host The Ashes in 2013.



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