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## EWI Pro External Insulation Systems

**NSAI Agrément (Irish Agrément Board)** is designated by Government to issue European Technical Approvals.

NSAI Agrément Certificates establish proof that the certified products are '**proper materials**' suitable for their intended use under Irish site conditions, and in accordance with the **Building Regulations 1997 to 2019**.



### PRODUCT DESCRIPTION:

This Certificate relates to the EWI Pro External Insulation Systems. The systems are comprised of:

- Surface preparation of masonry or concrete substrate;
- Full system beads and render only beads;
- Insulation boards;
  - EWI Pro EPS - EPS insulation;
  - EWI Pro MW - Mineral Wool;
- Base coat with reinforcement;
- Decorative finishes (mineral, acrylic, silicone, silicate);
- Mechanical fixings;
- Adhesive fixings;
- Weather tight joints;
- Movement joints;
- Provision for limiting cold bridging at external junctions in compliance with Acceptable Construction Details published by the DHPLG.
- Provision for fire stopping at external compartment walls and floors.

KREISEL Technika Budowlana sp zo.o is responsible for the testing, design and manufacture of all components to approved specifications.

KREISEL Technika Budowlana sp zo.o has appointed EWI Pro Insulation Systems Ltd as one of their distribution partners in Ireland.

The system is designed by EWI Pro Insulation Systems Ltd on a project specific basis in accordance with an approved design process.

The installation of the system is carried out by installers who have been trained by EWI Pro Insulation Systems Ltd, and are approved by EWI Pro Insulation Systems Ltd and NSAI Agrément to install the system. Applicators must adhere to strict installation guidelines as specified by EWI Pro Insulation Systems Ltd.

**Readers are advised to check that this Certificate has not been withdrawn or superseded by a later issue by contacting NSAI Agrément, NSAI, Santry, Dublin 9 or online at <http://www.nsai.ie>**

In the opinion of NSAI, the EWI Pro External Insulation Systems as described in this Certificate comply with the requirements of the Building Regulations 1997 to 2019.

#### **USE**

EWI Pro External Insulation Systems are for the external insulation of existing concrete or masonry dwellings, and for new concrete or masonry commercial or industrial buildings which are designed in accordance with the Building Regulations 1997 to 2019.

The EWI Pro External Insulation Systems are suitable for use up to a maximum of six storeys (18m) in height in purpose groups 1(a), 1(c), 1(d), 2(a), 2(b), 3, 4(a) and 4(b), and for use up to a maximum of five storeys (15 metres) in height in purpose group 1(b), as defined in TGD to Part B of the Building Regulations 1997 to 2019.

The systems have not been assessed for use with timber frame or steel frame construction, or for new dwellings.

#### **MANUFACTURE, DESIGN & MARKETING:**

The system is also designed, technically supported and marketed by:

EWI Pro insulation systems Ltd  
Unit 4 Bridgegate Business Park,  
Aylesbury,  
HP198XN  
T: 0800 133 7072  
W: [www.ewipro.com](http://www.ewipro.com)

The system is designed and manufactured by:

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60-462 Poznań,  
Poland.  
T: +48 61 846 79 00  
W: [www.kreisel.pl](http://www.kreisel.pl)

Project specific design, technical support, sales, and applicator approval are performed by:

HPC insulation division  
M50 Business Park,  
Ballymount,  
Dublin 12.  
D12T4C2  
T: 01 485 3634  
W: <https://hpcinsulation.ie/>

**1.1 ASSESSMENT**

The external insulation systems included in this Certificate, which have been tested in accordance with the requirements of ETAG 004 (ref. ETA 15/0575 and 15/0576), have been assessed against the specific requirements of the Irish Building Regulations, including method of installation, approval and training of installers, and maintenance requirements of the installed system.

In the opinion of NSAI Agrément, EWI Pro External Insulation Systems, when installed by EWI Pro Insulation Systems Ltd trained and approved contractors registered with NSAI, in accordance with this Certificate and EWI Pro Insulation Systems Ltd specific design, can meet the requirements of the Building Regulations 1997 to 2019, as indicated in Section 1.2 of this Agrément Certificate.

**1.2 BUILDING REGULATIONS 1997 to 2019****REQUIREMENTS:****Part D – Materials and Workmanship****D3 – Proper Materials**

EWI Pro External Insulation Systems, as certified in this Certificate, are comprised of 'proper materials' fit for their intended use.

**D1 – Materials & Workmanship**

EWI Pro External Insulation Systems, as certified in this Certificate, meet the requirements for workmanship.

**Part A - Structure****A1 – Loading**

EWI Pro External Insulation Systems, once appropriately designed and installed in accordance with this Certificate, have adequate strength and stability to meet the requirements of this Regulation.

**A2 – Ground Movement**

EWI Pro External Insulation Systems can be incorporated into structures that will meet this requirement.

**Part B – Fire Safety****B4 – External Fire Spread****Part B Vol 2 – Fire Safety****B9 – External Fire Spread**

EWI Pro External Insulation Systems can be incorporated into structures that will meet this requirement.

**Part C – Site Preparation and Resistance to Moisture****C4 – Resistance to Weather and Ground Moisture**

External walls have adequate weather resistance in all exposures to prevent the passage of moisture from the external atmosphere into the building.

**Part F – Ventilation****F2 – Condensation in Roofs**

The systems as certified can be incorporated into structures that will meet the requirements of this Regulation.

**Part J – Heat Producing Appliances****J3 – Protection of Building**

When EWI Pro External Insulation Systems are used in accordance with this Certificate, wall lining, insulation and separation distances meet this requirement.

**Part L – Conservation of Fuel and Energy****L1 – Conservation of Fuel and Energy**

The walls of EWI Pro External Insulation Systems can be readily designed to incorporate the required thickness of insulation onto existing buildings to meet the Elemental Heat Loss method calculations for walls as recommended in TGD to Part L of the Building Regulations 1997 to 2019.

**L2 – Conservation of Fuel and Energy**

At interface junctions at windows and at junctions between elements, the EWI Pro system installation details have been assessed, and when installed in accordance with this Certificate and the Certificate holder's approved installation details, excessive heat losses and local condensation problems associated with thermal bridging will be avoided.

## 2.1 PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

Tables 1a and 1b list the full components of the EWI Pro External Insulation Systems.

The systems can be applied on a variety of existing vertical external surfaces such as brick or rendered masonry walls.

The substrate on which EWI Pro External Insulation Systems will be used must have a reaction to fire class A1 or A2-s1 d0 in accordance with I.S. EN 13501-1<sup>[5]</sup>.

## 2.2 MANUFACTURE, SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION

KREISEL Technika Budowlana sp zo.o is responsible for the design and manufacture of all components to approved specifications. KREISEL Technika Budowlana sp zo.o has appointed EWI Pro Insulation Systems as a distribution partner in Ireland, with responsibility for:

- Project specific design in accordance with approved design process;
- Preliminary project assessment incorporating wind load calculations, U-value calculations, condensation risk analysis, impact resistance, substrate suitability and pull-out testing of fixings;
- Training, monitoring and review of licensed applicators in accordance with approved training and assessment procedures;
- Product supply and documentation control;
- Technical support and installation supervision;
- Sales and marketing.

The installation of EWI Pro External Insulation Systems is carried out by EWI Pro Insulation Systems Ltd trained and approved installers in accordance with EWI Pro Insulation Systems Ltd project specific specifications and method statements. Installers must also be approved and registered by NSAI Agrément under the NSAI Agrément External Thermal Insulating Composite Systems (ETICS) Approval Scheme (See Section 2.4.1 of this Certificate).

### 2.2.1 Quality Control

The Certificate holder, and the manufacturer, operate a quality management system, and a quality plan is in place for system manufacture, system design and system installation.

## 2.3 DELIVERY, STORAGE AND HANDLING

The insulation is delivered to site in packs. Each pack is marked with the manufacturer's details, product identification marks and batch numbers.

See Tables 1a and 1b for the designation code that must be included on the insulation identification label.

Each container for other components, e.g. renders, adhesives etc., bears the manufacturer's and the product's identification marks and batch number, and the NSAI Agrément logo incorporating the Certificate number.

Insulation should be stored on a firm, clean, dry and level base, which is off the ground. The insulation should be protected from prolonged exposure to sunlight by storing opened packs under cover in dry conditions or by re-covering with opaque polythene sheeting. Care must be taken when handling the insulation boards, to avoid damage and contact with solvents or bitumen products. The boards must not be exposed to ignition sources.

Mesh-cloth, primers, renders, paints, texture synthetic finish coatings and sealants should be stored in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, in dry conditions, at the required storage temperatures. They should be used within the stated shelf life.

## 2.4 INSTALLATION

### 2.4.1 Approved Installers

Installation shall be carried out by EWI Pro Insulation Systems Ltd trained applicators who are registered with NSAI Agrément.

### 2.4.2 General

EWI Pro Insulation Systems Ltd prepare a site package for each project, in accordance with the NSAI Agrément ETICS Approval Scheme. Deviations must be approved by an EWI Pro Insulation Systems Ltd technical representative. EWI Pro Insulation Systems Ltd technical representatives will visit each site on a regular basis to ensure that work is carried out in accordance with the project specific site package, including the Certificate holder's installation manual. Certificates of Compliance, EWI Pro Insulation Systems Ltd guarantee and home owner's manual will be issued on successful completion and sign-off of completed projects.

Mineral wool batts and lamella fire stop must be protected from moisture prior to and during installation. It may be necessary to remove and replace any unsuitable/wet material.

External works that leave the external appearance of the building inconsistent with neighbouring

buildings may require planning permission. The status of this requirement should be checked with the local planning authority as required.

To maximise thermal performance, reference should be made to the requirements of Section 2 of the Acceptable Construction Details document (ACD).

This Certificate does not contain a full set of installation instructions, but an overview of the procedures involved. For a full list of these instructions, refer to the Certificate holder's manuals. Should a conflict arise between this Certificate and the Certificate holder's manuals, this Certificate shall take precedence.

#### **2.4.3 Site Survey and Preliminary Work**

A comprehensive pre-installation site survey of the property shall be carried out in accordance with the NSAI Agrément ETICS Approval Scheme.

The substrate must be free of water repellents, dust, dirt, efflorescence and other harmful contaminants or materials that may interfere with the adhesive bond. Remove projecting mortar or concrete parts mechanically as required. Where the substrate contains dash, it must be levelled as much as possible with a layer of adhesive base coat prior to the application of the insulation boards/batts.

Where discrepancies exist preventing installation of the system in accordance with this Certificate and the Certificate holder's instructions, these discrepancies must be discussed with the Certificate holder and a solution implemented with the approval of the Certificate holder.

#### **2.4.4 Procedure**

The systems must be installed in accordance with the Certificate holder's instructions. Key points include:

- Weather conditions must be monitored to ensure correct application and curing conditions. Renders (adhesives, base coats, primers, finish coats) must not be applied if the temperature is below 5°C or above 25°C at the time of applications. In addition, cementitious-based renders must not be applied if the temperature will be below 0°C at any time during 72 hours after application; cement-free, synthetic-resin and silicone-resin plasters must not be applied if the temperature will be below 5°C at any time during 72 hours after application; silicate plasters must not be applied if the temperature will be below 8°C at any time during 72 hours after application.
- Until fully cured, the coatings must be protected from rapid drying, precipitation, direct sunlight and strong wind.
- To avoid thermal bridging, ensure a tight adhesive free joint connection between

adjacent insulation boards. Foam filler approved by the Certificate holder may be used for filling gaps up to 5mm. Larger gaps should be avoided, where larger gaps greater than 5mm cannot be practically avoided these gaps shall be filled with ETICS insulation material cut to size and sufficiently fixed to substrate.

- Window and door reveals should, where practicable, be insulated to minimise the effects of cold bridging in accordance with the recommendations of the Acceptable Construction Details Document published by the DHPLG, Detail 2.21, to achieve a minimum R-value of 0.6m<sup>2</sup>K/W. Ideally windows should be moved forward to the plane of the external insulation to limit the effects of thermal bridging at the reveal. Where clearance is limited, strips of approved insulation should be installed to suit available margins and details recorded as detailed in Section 4.5 of this Certificate.
- Refer to the Certificate holder's instructions and the project specific site package regarding the installation method and location of the SS fixings through the reinforcing mesh where fire stops have been installed. Additional layers of mesh are also applied at these locations. Stainless steel fire fixings to be provided at a rate of one per square metre above two stories. The fixing design should take account of the extra duty required under fire conditions.
- Purpose-made powder coated aluminium window sills with PVC stop-ends are installed in accordance with the Certificate holder's instructions. These sills incorporate an insulation board fixed between them and the existing sill to limit the effects of thermal bridging. They are designed to prevent water ingress and incorporate drips to shed water clear of the system.
- All necessary post-application inspections should be performed and the homeowner's manual completed and handed over to the homeowner accordingly.

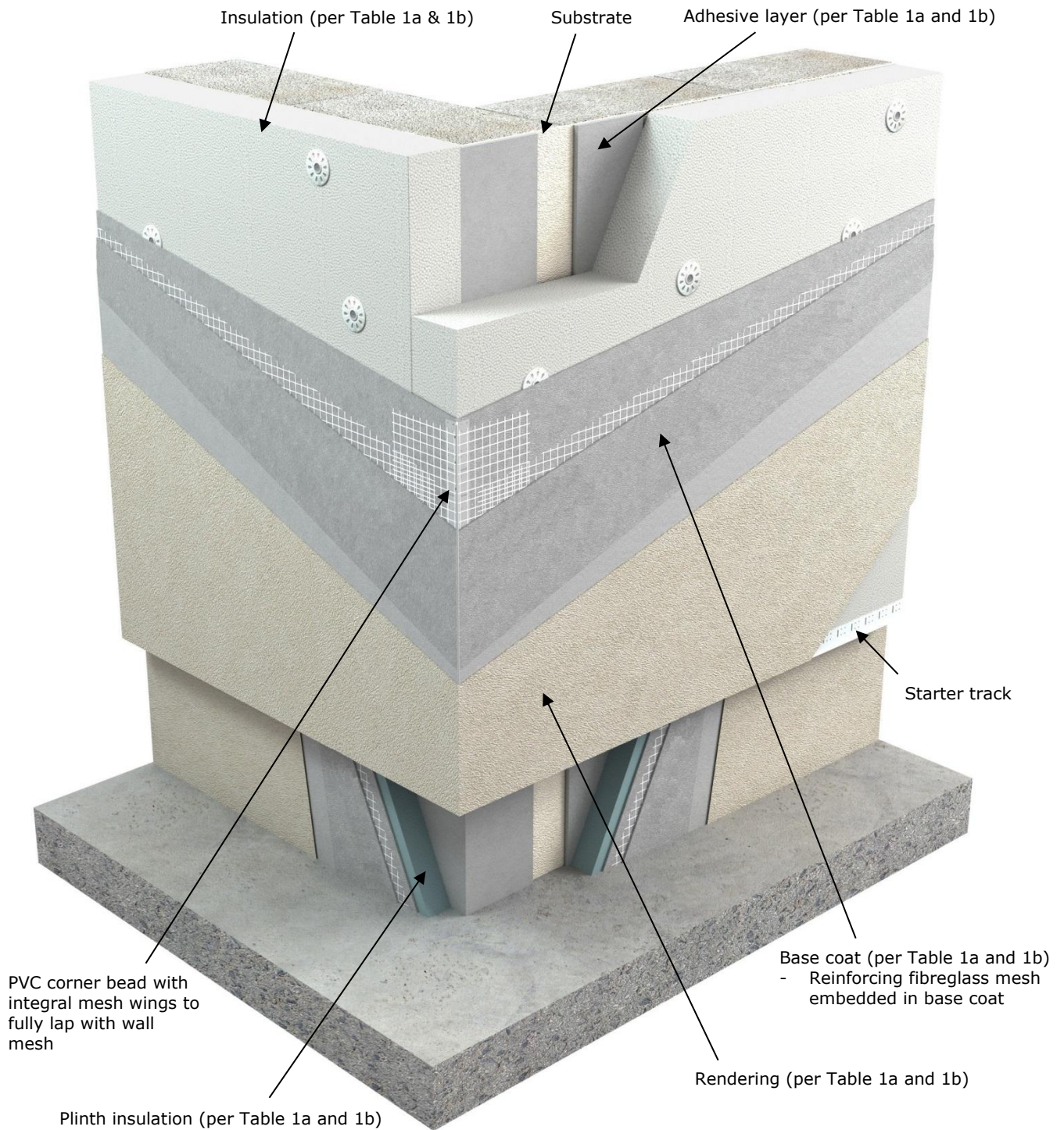
Components		Coverage (kg/m <sup>2</sup> )	Thickness (mm)
<b>Insulation</b>	<b>Graphite Enhanced Polystyrene Insulation Board</b> EPS-EN13163-T1-L2-W2-S2-P3-DS(70,-)2-DS(N)2- TR100-SS20-GM1000, Reaction to fire Class E	-	50 - 300
<b>Adhesives</b>	<b>EWI-210 EPS Adhesive</b> Cement based powder requiring addition of 0.25l/kg water	4.0 - 5.0 dry matter	-
<b>Plinth Insulation (Below DPC)</b>	<b>Extruded Polystyrene Insulation (XPS)</b> XPS-EN 13164 CFC/HCFC-free, Fire Class 3	-	30 - 200
<b>Anchors</b>	Anchors (supplementary mechanical fixings) issued according to ETAG 014 – See Annex 2 of ETA 15/0576 for specific details	-	-
<b>Base Coat</b>	<b>EWI-220 EPS Basecoat</b> Cement based powder requiring addition of 0.25l/kg water	4.0 - 5.0 dry matter	3.0 – 5.0
<b>Reinforcement</b>	Standard mesh applied in one or two layers: <b>Eurowek FGM-145-001</b> <b>Eurowek FGM-160-001</b> <b>Eurowek ES-330 (reinforced mesh)</b>	-	-
<b>Key Coat</b>	<b>EWI-330 Mineral/Acrylic Primer</b> Pigmented ready to use liquid, to be used with mineral and acrylic binder finishing coats  <b>EWI-332 Silicone Primer</b> Pigmented ready to use liquid, to be used with silicone binder finishing coats  <b>EWI-333 Topcoat Primer</b> Pigmented ready to use liquid, to be used with silicate-silicone binder finishing coats	0.2 – 0.3	-
<b>Finishing Coat</b>	Mineral binder – powder requiring addition of 0.25l/kg water <b>EWI-060 Mineral Render</b> (Max particle size 1.0, 1.5, 2.0, 3.0mm)  Acrylic binder – ready to use paste <b>EWI-010 Acrylic Render</b> (Particle size 0.5, 1.0, 1.5, 2.0, 3.0mm)  Silicate and silicone binder – ready to use paste <b>EWI-040 Silicone Silicate Render</b> (Particle size 0.5, 1.0, 1.5, 2.0, 3.0mm)  Silicone binder – ready to use paste <b>EWI-075 Silicone Render</b> (Particle size 0.5, 1.0, 1.5, 2.0, 3.0mm)	2.1 – 4.3 Regulated by particle size  0.9 – 5.0 Regulated by particle size  0.9 – 5.0 Regulated by particle size  0.9 – 5.0 Regulated by particle size	1.0 – 3.0 Regulated by particle size  0.5 – 3.0 Regulated by particle size  0.5 – 3.0 Regulated by particle size  0.5 – 3.0 Regulated by particle size
<b>Protection Coat</b>	<b>Note:</b> The protection coat shall always be used with mineral binder finishing coats ( <b>EWI-060 Mineral Render</b> )  <b>EWI-005 Silicone Paint</b> Ready to use liquid	0.15 – 0.25 l/m <sup>2</sup> Regulated by particle size	-
<b>Ancillary Materials</b>	Ancillary materials in accordance with Clause 3.2.2.5 of ETAG 004. Must be approved by the Certificate holder.		

**Table 1a: EWI Pro EPS Component Specification**

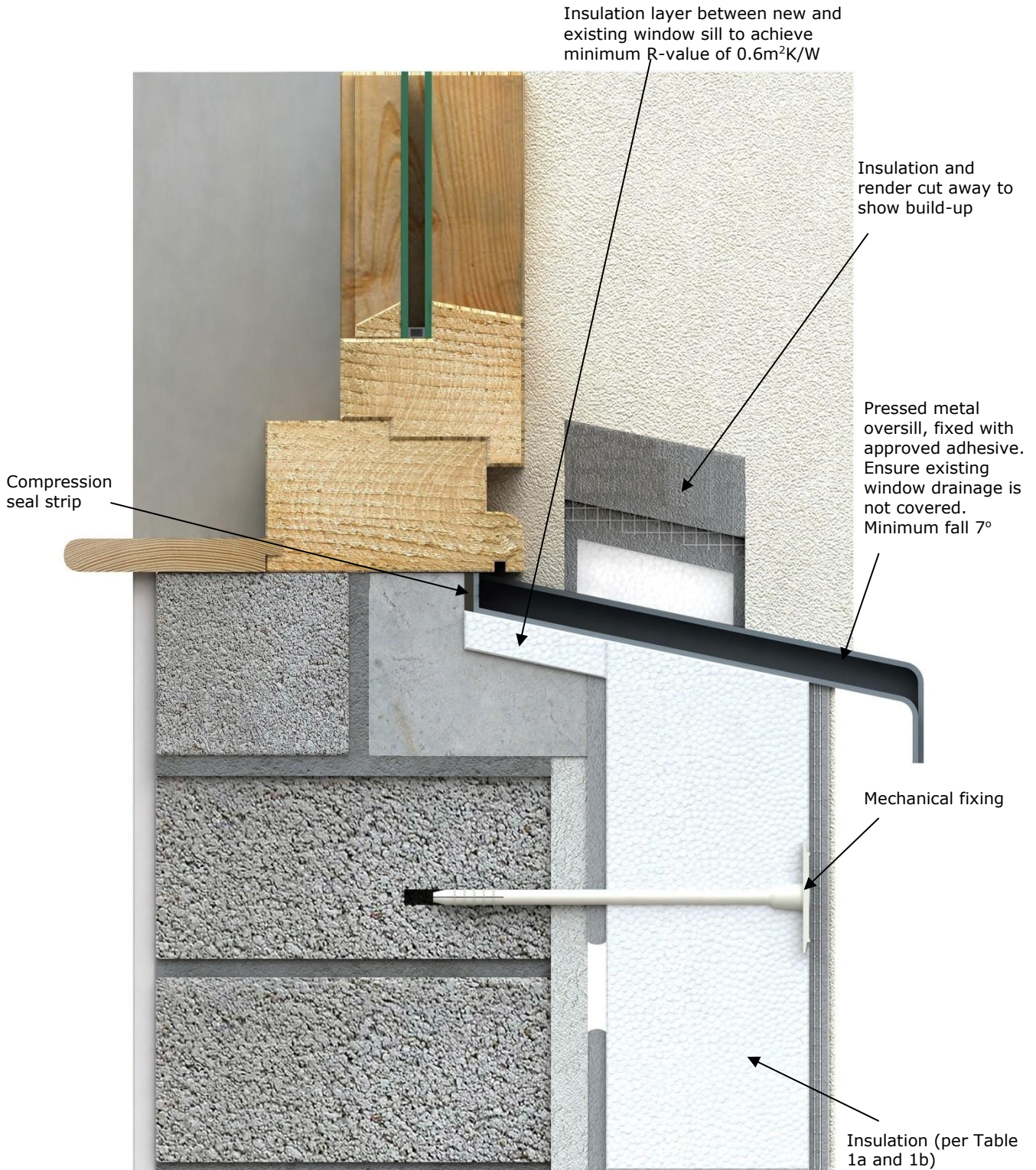
Components		Coverage (kg/m <sup>2</sup> )	Thickness (mm)
<b>Insulation</b>	<b>Mineral Wool (MW)</b> MW-EN13162-T5-DS(70,90)-WS-WL(P)-MU1-TR80, Reaction to fire Class A1 with a density of $\leq 150\text{kg/m}^3$	-	50 - 300
<b>Adhesives</b>	<b>EWI-225 Premium Basecoat</b> Cement based powder requiring addition of 0.28l/kg water	3.0 - 4.0 of dry matter	-
<b>Plinth Insulation (Below DPC)</b>	<b>Extruded Polystyrene Insulation (XPS)</b> XPS-EN 13164 CFC/HCFC-free, Fire Class 3	-	30 - 200
<b>Anchors</b>	Anchors (supplementary mechanical fixings) issued according to ETAG 014 – See Annex 9 of ETA 15/0575 for specific details	-	-
<b>Base Coat</b>	<b>EWI-225 Premium Basecoat</b> Cement based powder requiring addition of 0.28l/kg water	5.0 - 6.0 dry matter  For double reinforcement: 7.0 – 8.0 dry matter	3.0 – 5.0  For double reinforcement: 5.0
<b>Reinforcement</b>	Standard mesh applied in one or two layers: <b>Eurowek FGM-145-001</b> <b>Eurowek FGM-160-001</b> <b>Eurowek ES-330 (reinforced mesh)</b>	-	-
<b>Key Coat</b>	<b>Note:</b> Use of key coat is voluntary.  <b>EWI-330 Mineral/Acrylic Primer</b> Pigmented ready to use liquid, to be used with mineral and acrylic binder finishing coats  <b>EWI-332 Silicone Primer</b> Pigmented ready to use liquid, to be used with silicone binder finishing coats  <b>EWI-333 Topcoat Primer</b> Pigmented ready to use liquid, to be used with silicate-silicone binder finishing coats	0.2 – 0.3	-
<b>Finishing Coat</b>	Mineral binder – cement based powder requiring addition of 0.25l/kg water <b>EWI-060 Mineral Render</b> (Particle size 1.0, 1.5, 2.0, 3.0mm)  Silicate and silicone binder – ready to use paste <b>EWI-040 Silicone Silicate Render</b> (Particle size 1.5, 2.0, 2.5mm)  Silicone binder – ready to use paste <b>EWI-075 Silicone Render</b> (Particle size 1.5, 2.0, 3.0mm)	2.1 – 4.3 Regulated by particle size  2.4 – 5.0 Regulated by particle size  2.4 – 5.0 Regulated by particle size	1.0 – 3.0 Regulated by particle size  1.5 – 3.0 Regulated by particle size  1.5 – 3.0 Regulated by particle size
<b>Protection Coat</b>	<b>Note:</b> The protection coat shall always be used with mineral binder finishing coats ( <b>EWI-060 Mineral Render</b> )  <b>EWI-005 Silicone Paint</b> Ready to use liquid	0.15 – 0.25 l/m <sup>2</sup> Regulated by particle size	-
<b>Ancillary Materials</b>	Ancillary materials in accordance with Clause 3.2.2.5 of ETAG 004. Must be approved by the Certificate holder.		

**Table 1b: EWI Pro MW Component Specification**

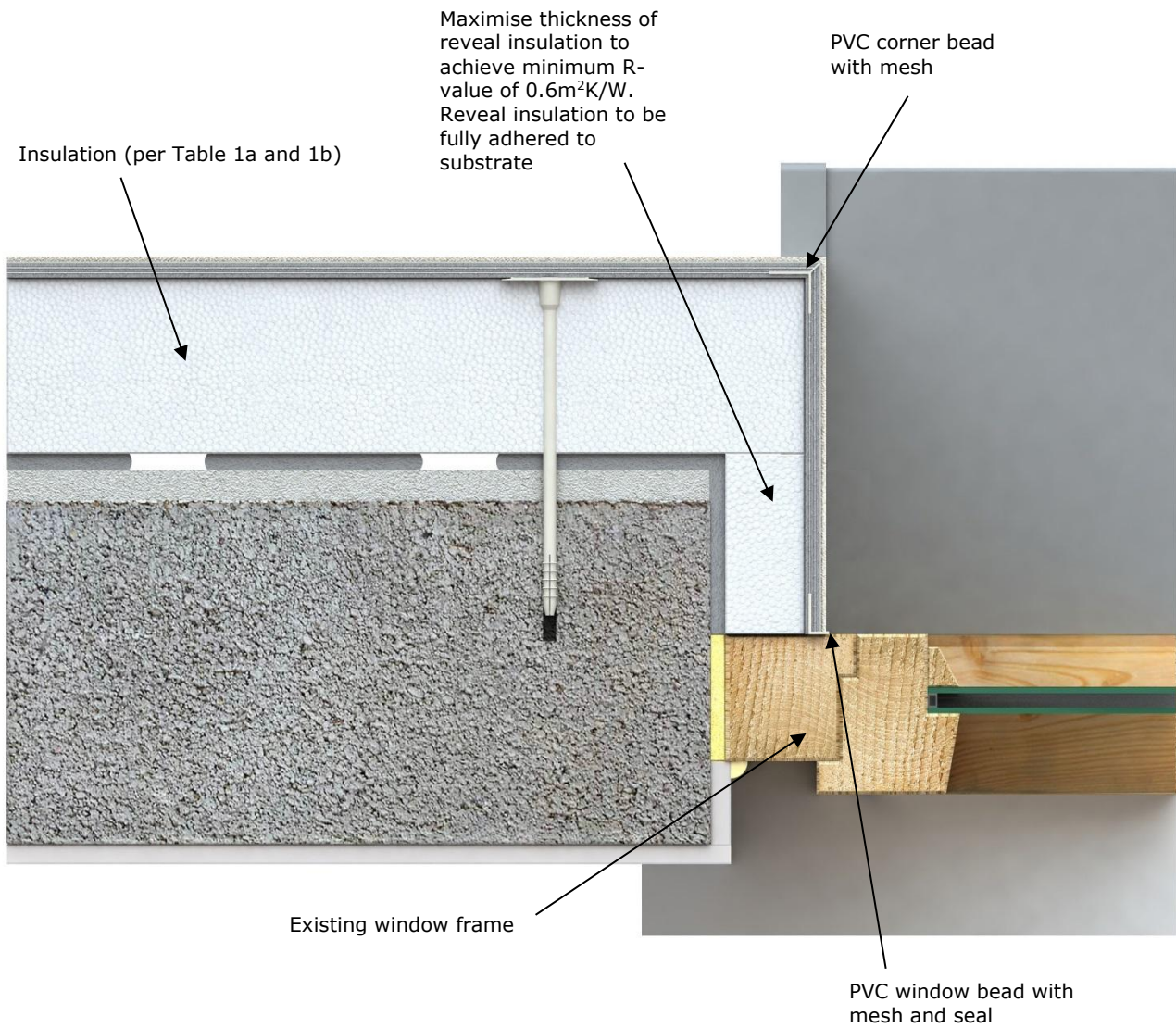
**Note:** EPS insulation is shown in the following details for illustrative purposes only. Full installation details for both EWI Pro EPS and EWI Pro MW Systems can be obtained from the certificate holder.



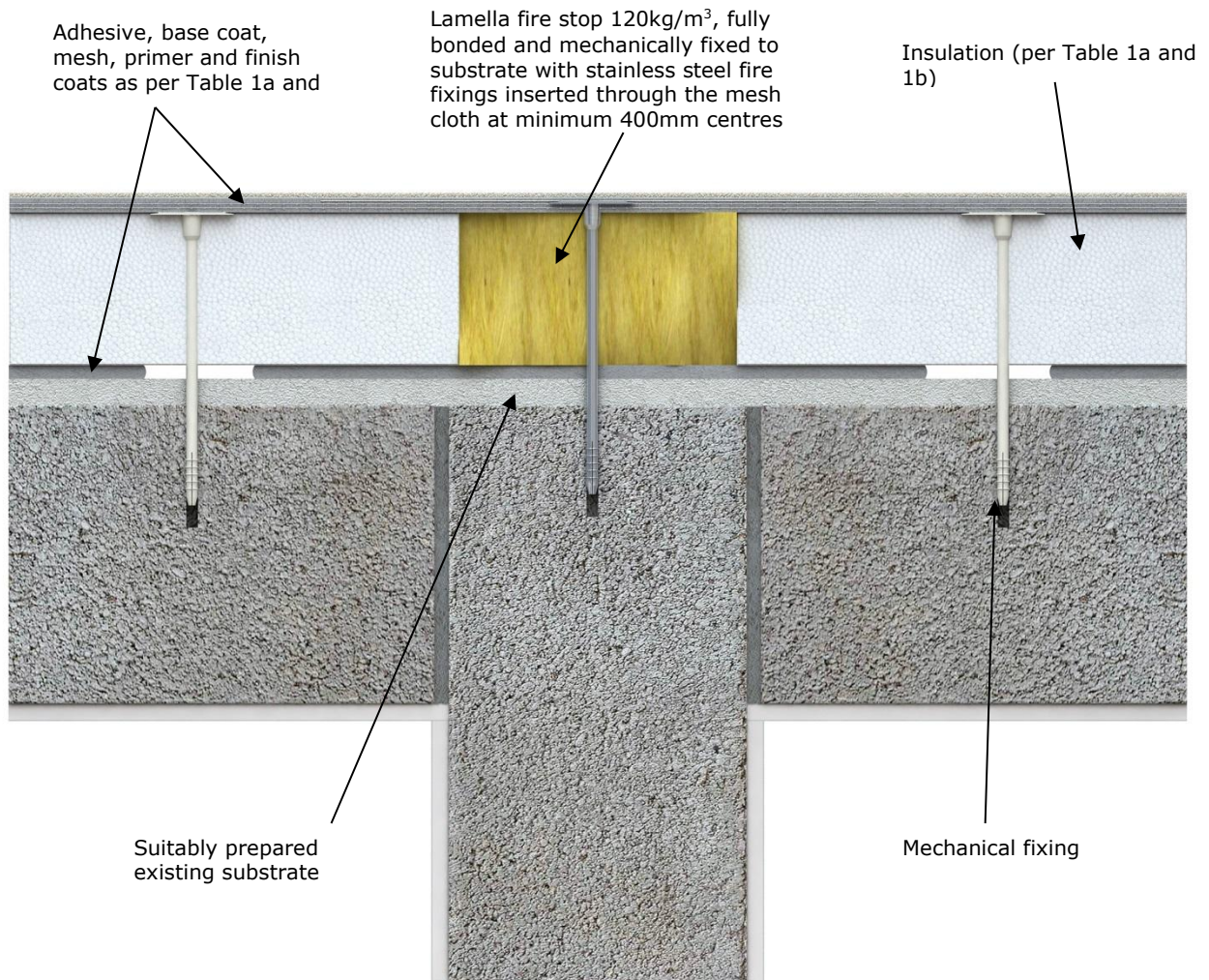
**Figure 1: Build-up of System Components**



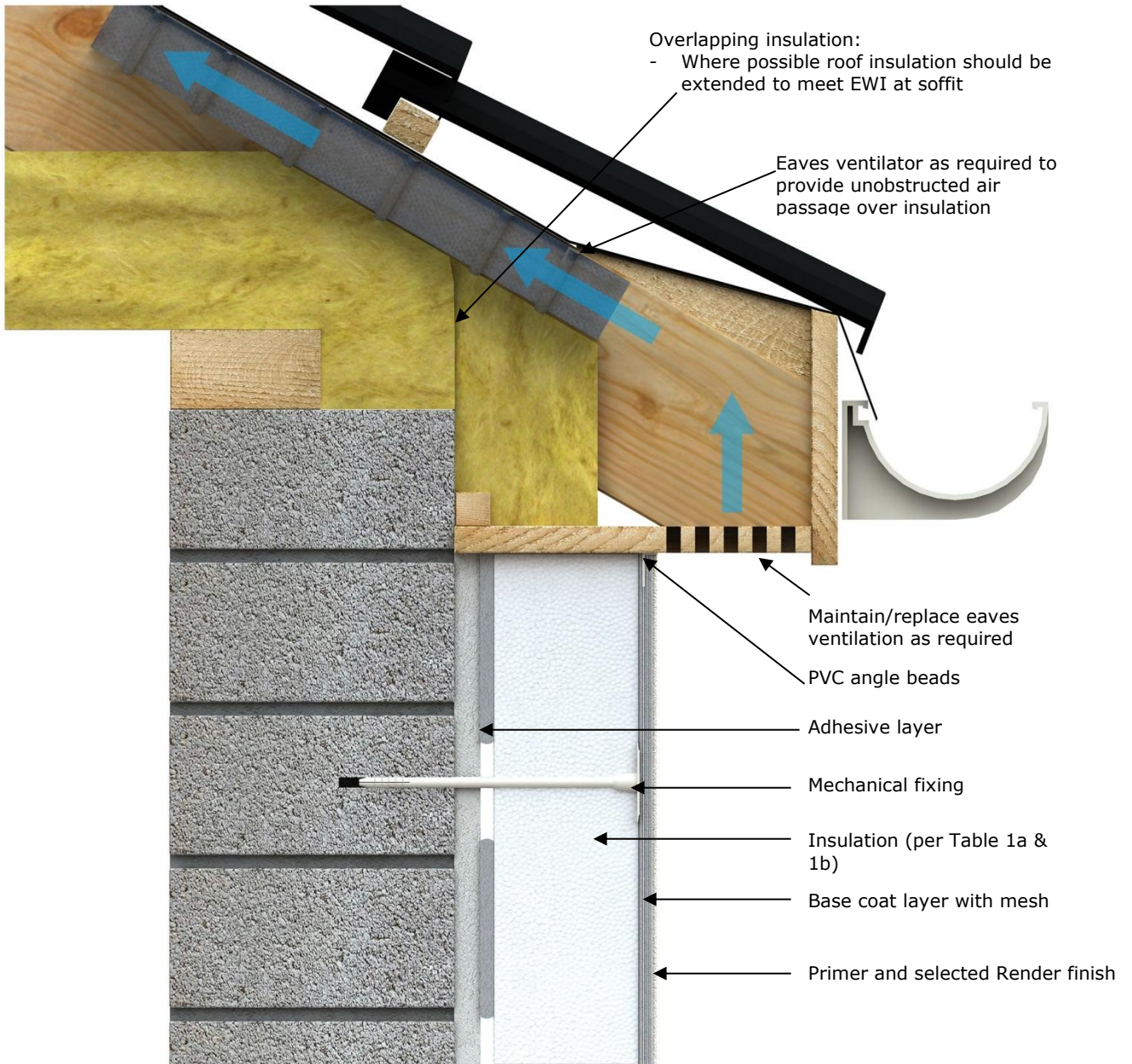
**Figure 2: Window Sill Detail**



**Figure 3: Window Reveal Detail**



**Figure 4: Fire Break Detail**



**Figure 5: Eaves Detail**

### 3.1 GENERAL

EWI Pro External Insulation Systems are designed by EWI Pro Insulation Systems Ltd on a project specific basis. Where the external insulation system is being applied to improve the thermal performance of an existing building, EWI Pro Insulation Systems Ltd will assess the building and advise on how to maximise the benefits of the external insulation system for that building. The design will include for:

- a) The completion and recording of a site survey. For existing buildings, U-value calculations, condensation risk analysis, pull-out resistance etc. should be based on the existing structure.
- b) Evaluation and preparation of substrate.
- c) Minimising risk of condensation in accordance with the recommendations of BS 5250<sup>[2]</sup>. This includes the use of approved detailing as shown in Figures 1 to 5 incorporating the requirements of SR 54<sup>[3]</sup> and, where possible, meeting all of the Acceptable Construction Details published by the DHPLG.
- d) Thermal insulation provision to Part L of the Building Regulations 1997 to 2019.
- e) Resistance to impact and abrasion.
- f) Resistance to thermal stresses.
- g) Resistance to wind loading.
- h) Design of fixings to withstand design wind loadings, using a safety factor of 3 (three) for mechanical fixings and a safety factor of 9 (nine) for adhesive. In addition, fixings around window and door openings shall be at a maximum of 300mm centres in each board or section of board so as to provide positive and robust restraint over the life of the system.
- i) The design for wind loading on buildings greater than 2 stories should be checked by a chartered engineer in accordance with Eurocode 1 I.S. EN 1991-1-4<sup>[4]</sup>.
- j) Design for fire resistance, fire spread and fire stopping, as defined in Section 4.2 and 4.3 of this Certificate.
- k) Design of a water management system to prevent ingress of water at movement joints, windows, doors, openings for services etc. Particular attention is required to ensure that window and sill design are coordinated to achieve a fully integrated design.
- l) Movement joints.
- m) A site specific maintenance programme for inclusion in the home owner's documentation.
- n) Durability requirements.

Detailing and construction must be to a high standard to prevent the ingress of water and to achieve the design thermal performance. Window details should be designed such that, where possible, they can be removed and replaced from within the building, with best practice being to move the windows forward. Consideration should be given to maximising improvement of thermal insulation at window reveals, door openings etc. Adequate provision should be made at design and installation stage for the release of trapped moisture e.g. above window heads.

When designed and installed in accordance with this Certificate, the system will satisfy the wall elemental U-value and linear thermal transmittance requirements of Part L of the Building Regulations 1997 to 2019. The design shall include for the elimination/minimising of cold bridging at window and door reveals, eaves and at ground floor level in compliance with Acceptable Construction Details published by the DHPLG.

The system is intended to improve the weather resistance of the external walls. Seals to windows and doors shall be provided in accordance with the project specific site plan and the Acceptable Construction Details. Care should be taken to ensure that any ventilation or drainage openings are not obstructed.

In areas where electric cables can come into contact with EPS, in accordance with good practice all PVC sheathed cables should be run through ducting or be re-routed. Domestic gas installations must not be adversely affected by the fitting of external insulation. If the external insulation has an impact on the gas service line/meter location, then Bord Gáis Networks must be contacted so that a suitable solution can be achieved. If altering a gas installation, a Registered Gas Installer (RGI) must be employed.

The durability of the render systems is influenced by the colour of the render used. Further information is available by contacting the Certificate holder.

In locations where frost heave is likely to occur, plinth XPS must be kept 10mm above ground level.

### 3.2 MAJOR RENOVATION

As external insulation over 25% of the building envelope is classified as Major Renovation in TGD to Part L of the Building Regulations 1997 to 2019, attention should be paid to Section 2.3 of TGD to

Part L 2019 where external insulation is undertaken as part of a deep retrofit installation.

### 3.3 STRENGTH AND STABILITY

#### 3.3.1 Wind Loading

EWI Pro External Insulation Systems can be designed to withstand the wind pressures (including suction) and thermal stresses in accordance with the Building Regulations 1997 to 2019. The design for wind loading on buildings greater than two stories should be checked by a chartered engineer in accordance with Eurocode 1 I.S. EN 1991-1-4<sup>[4]</sup>. A general factor of safety of 1.5 is applied to design wind loads.

#### 3.3.2 Impact Resistance

- a) The EWI Pro External Insulation Systems have been classified as defined in Table 3 to be suitable for use as defined in ETAG 004 Cl. 6.1.3.3 Table 8 as follows:

Category I: A zone readily accessible at ground level to the public and vulnerable to hard impacts but not subject to abnormally rough use.

Category II: A zone liable to impacts from thrown or kicked objects, but in public locations where the height of the system will limit the size of the impact; or at lower levels where access to the building is primarily to those with some incentive to exercise care.

Category III: A zone not likely to be damaged by normal impacts caused by people or by thrown or kicked objects.

**Note:** The above classifications do not include acts of vandalism.

In an Irish context, Category II excludes any wall at ground level adjacent to a public footpath but includes one with its own private, walled-in garden. Category III excludes all walls at ground level.

- b) The design should include for preventing damage from impact by motor vehicles or other machinery. Preventive measures such as provision of protective barriers or kerbs should be considered.

#### 3.4 BEHAVIOUR IN RELATION TO FIRE

Systems that achieve a Class A2 or B Reaction to Fire Classification are suitable for use up to a maximum of six storeys (18 metres) in height on purpose groups 1(a), 1(c), 1(d), 2(a), 2(b), 3, 4(a) and 4(b), and for use up to a maximum of five storeys (15 metres) in height on purpose group 1(b), as defined in TGD to Part B of the Building Regulations 1997 to 2019.

The mineral wool board is classified as non-combustible as per Table A8 (d) of TGD to Part B of the Building Regulations 1997 to 2019.

With regard to fire stopping and limitations on use of combustible materials, walls must comply with Sections 3.2, 3.3, 3.4 and 4 of TGD to Part B of the Building Regulations 1997 to 2019, and Sections 3.5, 3.6, 3.7 and 4 of TGD to Part B Volume 2 of the Building Regulations 1997 to 2019. Stainless steel fire fixings must be provided at the rate of one per square metre when specified. The fixing design should take account of the extra duty required under fire conditions.

Vertical and horizontal lamella fire barriers shall be provided at each compartment floor and wall, with stainless steel fixings provided at 400mm vertical centres and 400mm horizontal centres respectively, including the second floor level of a three-storey single occupancy house (see Diagram 12 of TGD to Part B Volume 2 of the Building Regulations 1997 to 2019). Firebreaks should be fully adhesively bonded to the substrate (i.e. ribbons or dabs of adhesive are not acceptable) and mechanically fixed with stainless steel fire fixings at 400mm centres. The fire barrier shall be of non-combustible material (i.e. lamella, slab of minimum density 120kg/m<sup>3</sup>), be at least 200mm high, continuous and unbroken for the full perimeter of the building and for the full thickness of the insulation. Glass wool is not suitable for use as a firestop (see Clause 3.6.3 of TGD to Part B Volume 2 of the Building Regulations 1997 to 2019 for types of suitable firestop).

#### 3.5 PROXIMITY OF HEAT PRODUCING APPLIANCES

Combustible material must be separated from a brick or blockwork chimney by at least 200mm from a flue and 40mm from the outer surface of the brick or blockwork chimney, in accordance with Clause 2.5.6 of TGD to Part J of the Building Regulations 1997 to 2019. Metal fixings in contact with combustible materials should be at least 50mm from a flue.

#### 3.6 VENTILATED CAVITIES

When the system is to be applied to a masonry cavity wall, including hollow block walls, consideration should be given to the treatment of the ventilated cavity. In order to ensure the thermal effectiveness of the external insulation system, it is critical to eliminate airflow within the cavity void. It is essential to seal the cavity to achieve an unventilated air layer. This eliminates heat losses due to airflow within the cavity circumventing the ETIC system. Best practice is to fill the cavity void with an NSAI Agrément approved Cavity Wall Insulation (CWI) system. Ventilation to the building must be maintained in accordance with the requirements of TGD to Part F of the Building Regulations 1997 to 2019.

### 3.7 CONDENSATION RISK

Areas where there is a significant risk of condensation due to high levels of humidity should be identified during the initial site survey.

#### 3.7.1 Internal Surface Condensation

When improving the thermal performance of the external envelope of a building through external wall insulation, designers need to consider the impact of these improvements on other untouched elements of the building. As discussed in Section 3.7 of this Certificate, thermally bridged sections of the envelope such as window jambs, sills and eaves will experience a lower level of increased thermal performance. The degree of improvement to these junctions can be limited due to physical restrictions on site i.e. footpaths, soffit boards or hinges for windows.

When bridged junctions meet the requirements of Appendix D Table D2 of TGD to Part L of the Building Regulations 1997 to 2019, the coldest internal surface temperature will satisfy the requirements of Section D2, namely that the temperature factor shall be equal to or greater than 0.75. As a result, best practice will have to be adopted in order to limit the risk of internal surface condensation which can result in dampness and mould growth.

When site limiting factors give rise to substandard levels of insulation at bridged junctions, guidance should be sought from the Certificate holder as to acceptable minimum requirements.

#### 3.7.2 Interstitial Condensation

An interstitial condensation risk analysis will be carried out by EWI Pro Insulation Systems Ltd in accordance with BS 5250<sup>[2]</sup> and the design modified as appropriate to reduce the risk of interstitial condensation to acceptable levels.

#### 3.7.3 Ventilation

When installing the external insulation system, the works to be undertaken must not compromise the existing ventilation provisions in the home, including the ventilation of suspended timber floors, where existing vents must be sleeved across the rising wall and sealed.

When these existing ventilation provisions do not meet the requirements of Part F of the Building Regulations 1997 to 2019, the homeowner should be informed and remedial action must be taken before the external insulation system is installed.

### 3.8 MAINTENANCE

Regular inspections must be made over the life of the system. The system shall be inspected and maintained in accordance with the Certificate holder's instructions, as detailed in the Repair

and Maintenance Method Statement, which is incorporated into the Building Owner's Manual.

- Visually inspect the render and architectural details for signs of damage or water ingress (at least annually).
- Necessary repairs must be carried out immediately and must be in accordance with the Certificate holder's instructions to prevent deterioration or damage, and to protect the integrity of the system.
- Sealants shall be subject to regular inspection (at least annually).
- Sealants should be replaced as required and fully replaced every 18 to 20 years to maintain performance.
- Synthetic finishes may be subject to aesthetic deterioration due to exposure to UV light. They should be re-painted every 18 to 20 years to maintain appearance.
- Care should be taken to ensure that the synthetic finish used is compatible with the original system and that the water vapour transmission or fire characteristics are not adversely affected.

### 3.9 WEATHERTIGHTNESS

When designed and detailed in accordance with this Certificate, the system will prevent moisture from the ground coming in contact with the insulation. The external render has adequate resistance to water penetration when applied in accordance with the Certificate holder's instructions.

Joint designs, sealant specifications and recommendations for detailing at windows and doors were assessed and are considered adequate to ensure that water penetration will not occur, assuming that regular maintenance is carried out in accordance with the Certificate holder's instructions.

### 3.10 AESTHETIC PERFORMANCE

As with traditional renders, the aesthetic performance of the systems, e.g. due to discolouration, soiling, staining, algal growth or lime bloom, is dependent on a range of factors such as:

- Type, colour and texture of surface finish;
- Water retaining properties of the finish;
- Architectural form and detailing;
- Building orientation/elevation;
- Local climate/atmospheric pollution.

Where cleaning of walls is required, for example in the case of algal growth, the procedure in the EWI Pro Maintenance document must be followed

which contains detailed information on the removal of algae. It is the homeowner's responsibility to inspect the walls every year and clean when required; however the homeowner may contract the approved installer to provide this service.

Adequate consideration should be given at the design stage to all of the above to ensure that the level of maintenance necessary to preserve the aesthetics of the building is acceptable.

#### 4.1 IMPACT RESISTANCE

Table 3 lists the impact resistance classifications for various build-ups of the EWI Pro External Insulation Systems.

#### 4.2 BEHAVIOUR IN RELATION TO FIRE

Tables 4 and 5 list the reaction to fire classification according to IS EN 13501-1<sup>[5]</sup> for the EWI Pro External Insulation Systems.

#### 4.3 THERMAL PERFORMANCE

Assessments were carried out to verify that the requirements of Part L of the Building Regulations 1997 to 2019 can be achieved using the EWI Pro External Insulation Systems. The manufacturer's declared thermal conductivity values ( $\lambda_{90/90}$ ) taken from their CE Marking Declarations of Performance are 0.031W/mK for the graphite enhanced grey EPS board, and 0.036W/mK for the mineral wool insulation. These have not been assessed by NSAI Agrément. Table 2 shows typical insulation thicknesses to achieve minimum U-values of 0.27W/m<sup>2</sup>K (retrofit only) and 0.18W/m<sup>2</sup>K for different construction types.

Calculation of U-values will be required on individual projects to confirm a U-value of 0.27W/m<sup>2</sup>K or better has been achieved, based on the wall construction and the insulation used. The thermal conductivity ( $\lambda$ ) value of the insulation to be used in all U-value calculations must be the  $\lambda_{90/90}$  value.

#### 4.4 LIMITING THERMAL BRIDGING

The linear thermal transmittance ' $\psi$ ' (Psi) describes the heat loss associated with junctions and around openings. Window and door reveal design used on the EWI Pro External Insulation Systems have been assessed and when detailed in accordance with this Certificate can meet the requirements of Table D2 of TGD to Part L of the Building Regulations 1997 to 2019.

When all bridged junctions within a building comply with the requirements of Table D2 of TGD to Part L, the improved 'y' factor of 0.08 can be entered into the DEAP building energy rating (BER) calculation. If all junctions can be shown to be equivalent or better than Acceptable Construction Details published by the DHPLG, then the values published in Table D2 apply.

Where either of the above options are shown to be valid, or when the required values cannot be achieved, all relevant details should be recorded on the 'Certificate of Compliance' for that project for use in future BER calculations.

'□' values for other junctions outside the scope of this Certificate should be assessed by an NSAI approved thermal modeller

As per Acceptable Construction Details, a minimum thermal resistance of 0.6m<sup>2</sup>K/W should be provided at window reveals, heads and sills.

#### 4.5 DESIGN LIFE

The assessment indicates that the system should remain effective for at least 30 years subject to normal use, regular inspection and maintenance; providing that it is designed, installed and maintained in accordance with this Certificate. Any damage to the surface finish shall be repaired immediately and regular maintenance shall be undertaken as outlined in Sections 3.8 & 4.7 of this Certificate.

Critical details include rendering at window sills, raised features, junctions with eaves and verges, and the use of suitably designed overhangs and flashings. Reference should be made to IS EN 13914-1<sup>[1]</sup> for general advice on design, in particular on the use of angle, stop and movement joint beads.

#### 4.6 PRACTICABILITY

The practicability of construction and the adequacy of site supervision arrangements were

assessed and considered adequate. The project specific designs and method statements for application, inspection and repair were reviewed and found to be satisfactory.

#### 4.7 MAINTENANCE

Regular inspections must be made over the life of the system. The system shall be inspected and maintained in accordance with the Certificate holder’s instructions, as detailed in the Repair and Maintenance Method Statement, which is incorporated into the Building Owner’s Manual.

- Visually inspect the render and architectural details for signs of damage or water ingress (at least annually).
- Necessary repairs must be carried out immediately and must be in accordance with the Certificate holder’s instructions to prevent deterioration or damage, and to protect the integrity of the system.
- Sealants shall be subject to regular inspection (at least annually).
- Sealants should be replaced as required and fully replaced every 18 to 20 years to maintain performance.
- Synthetic finishes may be subject to aesthetic deterioration due to

exposure to UV light. They should be re-painted every 18 to 20 years to maintain appearance.

- Care should be taken to ensure that the synthetic finish used is compatible with the original system and that the water vapour transmission or fire characteristics are not adversely affected.

#### 4.8 OTHER INVESTIGATIONS

- Existing data on product properties in relation to fire, toxicity, environmental impact and the effect on mechanical strength/stability and durability were assessed.
- The manufacturing process was examined including the methods adopted for quality control, and details were obtained of the quality and composition of the materials used.
- Special building details (e.g. ground level, window and door openings, window sill and movement joints) were assessed and approved for use in conjunctions with this Certificate.
- Site visits were conducted to assess the practicability of installation and the history of performance in use of the product.

Insulation	Declared Thermal Conductivity ( $\lambda_{90/90}$ ) of Insulation (W/mK)	Thickness of Insulation (mm)	U-Value (W/m <sup>2</sup> K)
No external insulation	-	-	1.30
Graphite-enhanced EPS	0.031	100	0.27
		160	0.18
Mineral Wool	0.036	120	0.27
		190	0.18
These values are based on a typical house of 215mm hollow block construction (Building Regulations Part L 2017) with the following construction (internal to external): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12.5mm plasterboard</li> <li>• 215mm hollow block</li> <li>• 15mm sand &amp; cement render</li> <li>• Insulation board – as specified</li> <li>• Render finish with mesh basecoat – 8mm</li> </ul>			
Insulation	Declared Thermal Conductivity ( $\lambda_{90/90}$ ) of Insulation (W/mK)	Thickness of Insulation (mm)	U-Value (W/m <sup>2</sup> K)
No external insulation	-	-	1.30
Graphite-enhanced EPS	0.031	60	0.21
		90	0.18
Mineral Wool	0.036	70	0.21
		100	0.18
These values are based on a typical house of concrete block cavity-wall construction (Building Regulations Part L 2017) with the following construction (internal to external): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12.5mm plasterboard</li> <li>• 100mm concrete block</li> <li>• 100mm pumped cavity insulation (thermal conductivity 0.040W/mK)</li> <li>• 100mm concrete block</li> </ul>			

- 15mm sand & cement render
- Insulation board – as specified
- Render finish with mesh basecoat – 8mm

**Table 2: Typical U-values (W/m<sup>2</sup>K)**

<b>EWI Pro EPS</b>			
<b>Render coating:</b> Base coat <b>EWI-220 EPS Basecoat</b> + Reinforcement and finishing coats listed hereafter:	<b>Single standard mesh</b>	<b>Double standard mesh</b>	<b>Single reinforced mesh</b>
<b>EWI-060 Mineral Render</b> + protection coat	Category III	Category I	Category II
<b>EWI-010 Acrylic Render</b>	Category II	Category I	Category I
<b>EWI-075 Silicone Render</b>			
<b>EWI-040 Silicone Silicate Render</b>			
<b>EWI Pro MW</b>			
<b>Rendering system:</b> Base coat <b>EWI-225 Premium Basecoat</b> + Reinforcement and finishing coats listed hereafter:	<b>Single standard mesh</b>	<b>Double standard mesh</b>	<b>Single reinforced mesh</b>
<b>EWI-060 Mineral Render</b> + protection coat	Category III	Category I	Category I
<b>EWI-075 Silicone Render</b>	Category II	Category I	Category I
<b>EWI-040 Silicone Silicate Render</b>			

**Table 3: Impact Resistance**

<b>EWI Pro EPS</b>			
<b>Configuration</b>	<b>Heat of combustion</b>	<b>Flame retardant content</b>	<b>Reaction to fire class according to EN 13501-1</b>
Adhesive	Max 0.66 MJ/kg	No flame retardant	B – s1, d0
Boards of expanded polystyrene EPS Maximal density of 18 kg/m <sup>3</sup>	-	In quantity ensuring Euroclass E according to EN 13501-1	
Base coat render	Max 0.31 MJ/kg	No flame retardant	
Glass fibre mesh	Max 8.48 MJ/kg	No flame retardant	
Finishing coats	Max 2.27 MJ/kg	No flame retardant	
Protection coat for the mineral finishing coats	Max 5.34 MJ/kg	No flame retardant	

**Table 4 – Reaction to Fire – EWI Pro EPS**

<b>EWI Pro MW</b>			
<b>Configuration</b>	<b>Maximum declared organic content</b>	<b>Declared flame retardant content</b>	<b>Reaction to fire class according to</b>

			<b>EN 13501-1</b>
Adhesive	Max 0.61 MJ/kg	No flame retardant	A2 – s1, d0
Boards of mineral wool MW Maximal density 150 kg/m <sup>3</sup>	-	In quantity ensuring Euroclass A1 or A2 according to EN 13501-1	
Base coat render	Max 0.61 MJ/kg	No flame retardant	
Glass fibre mesh	Max 8.48 MJ/kg	No flame retardant	
Finishing coats	Max 2.27 MJ/kg	No flame retardant	
Protection coats for mineral finishing coats	Max 5.34 MJ/kg	No flame retardant	

**Table 5 – Reaction to Fire – EWI Pro MW**

**5.1** National Standards Authority of Ireland ("NSAI") following consultation with NSAI Agrément has assessed the performance and method of installation of the product/process and the quality of the materials used in its manufacture and certifies the product/process to be fit for the use for which it is certified provided that it is manufactured, installed, used and maintained in accordance with the descriptions and specifications set out in this Certificate and in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and usual trade practice. This Certificate shall remain valid for five years from date of latest revision so long as:

- (a) the specification of the product is unchanged.
- (b) the Building Regulations 1997 to 2019 and any other regulation or standard applicable to the product/process, its use or installation remains unchanged.
- (c) the product continues to be assessed for the quality of its manufacture and marking by NSAI.
- (d) no new information becomes available which in the opinion of the NSAI, would preclude the granting of the Certificate.
- (e) the product or process continues to be manufactured, installed, used and maintained in accordance with the description, specifications and safety recommendations set out in this certificate.
- (f) the registration and/or surveillance fees due to IAB are paid.

**5.2** The NSAI Agrément mark and certification number may only be used on or in relation to product/processes in respect of which a valid Certificate exists. If the Certificate becomes invalid the Certificate holder must not use the NSAI Agrément mark and certification number and must remove them from the products already marked.

**5.3** In granting Certification, the NSAI makes no representation as to;

- (a) the absence or presence of patent rights subsisting in the product/process; or
- (b) the legal right of the Certificate holder to market, install or maintain the product/process; or

(c) whether individual products have been manufactured or installed by the Certificate holder in accordance with the descriptions and specifications set out in this Certificate.

**5.4** This Certificate does not comprise installation instructions and does not replace the manufacturer's directions or any professional or trade advice relating to use and installation which may be appropriate.

**5.5** Any recommendations contained in this Certificate relating to the safe use of the certified product/process are preconditions to the validity of the Certificate. However the NSAI does not certify that the manufacture or installation of the certified product or process in accordance with the descriptions and specifications set out in this Certificate will satisfy the requirements of the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work Act 2005, or of any other current or future common law duty of care owed by the manufacturer or by the Certificate holder.

**5.6** The NSAI is not responsible to any person or body for loss or damage including personal injury arising as a direct or indirect result of the use of this product or process.

**5.7** Where reference is made in this Certificate to any Act of the Oireachtas, Regulation made thereunder, Statutory Instrument, Code of Practice, National Standards, manufacturer's instructions, or similar publication, it shall be construed as reference to such publication in the form in which it is in force at the date of this Certification.

## NSAI Agrément

This Certificate No. **21/0428** is accordingly granted by the NSAI to **EWI Pro Insulation Systems Ltd** on behalf of NSAI Agrément.

Date of Issue: **15<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

**Signed**



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- **12 February 2026:** Change of Distributor and address updates.

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