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Re: Liquid Rubber Spray Grade

Our Sudbury Smelter has a roof area over our converter aisle of approximately 33,000 sq. ft. The roof cladding is un-insulated stainless steel sheeting, which was 25-30 years old. There were considerable ongoing problems with leaks, related to elongated holes around fasteners, and through sheeting side and end laps due to wind driven rain and negative air pressures. The cost of installing new stainless steel cladding was estimated at over \$11.00 per sq. ft. Money was allocated in the 2003 capital budget to replace the first half of the roof area.

After being introduced to Liquid Rubber Spray Grade, it was decided to have a 20' X 20' test patch applied in the spring of the year, to allow our maintenance personnel and other engineering personnel an opportunity to evaluate this proposed alternative solution. Following a successful review, it was subsequently decided to coat the entire roof area with Liquid Rubber Spray Grade, and the expenditure was approved.

We at Falconbridge are tremendously pleased with the end result! Liquid Rubber Spray Grade was the perfect solution to our problem. It has provided a tough, flexible, watertight, chemically resistant coating, at a fraction of the cost of the cladding replacement.

I tell our young engineers that we must design our facilities to be "gorilla proof" – to withstand the rigors of our operations. I believe that Liquid Rubber Spray Grade has provided us with such an installation.

Yours truly,

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