

6 November 2018

**Reference: Safety checks and testing of Aluminium Composition Material cladding sample at Park Plaza Leeds**

PPHE Hotel Group (“PPHE”) can now confirm they have commenced a period of investigatory works to confirm the condition of the currently installed façade, in order to finalise construction details and costs as appropriate with their preferred contractor. This will occur throughout November 2018. A further update will be provided following these works in December 2018.

PPHE reiterates that the current interim measures remain sound as per the regulatory authorities and it is committed to the safety and security of its guests and team members at all times, carrying out regular accredited Fire Risk Assessments in full compliance with the Fire Regulatory Reform Safety Act.

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23 July 2018

**Reference: Safety checks and testing of Aluminium Composition Material cladding sample at Park Plaza Leeds**

PPHE Hotel Group (“PPHE”) can now confirm that following further investigation works at Park Plaza Leeds, PPHE have appointed a quantity surveyor to the project team, and are shortly issuing a tender for works involved in the replacement of the aluminium composite cladding system. The contractor is expected to be appointed by autumn 2018, and works will commence after a period of design, approvals and procurement. PPHE will be able to provide a further update in autumn 2018.

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29 May 2018

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Further to the statement dated 27 March 2018, PPHE Hotel Group (“PPHE”) can confirm that preparations have progressed and further investigation works have been completed. Following these works, the group is near to completing the definition of the scope of works. Further to that, a shared timeline for all involved parties has been set to ensure efficient progression.

PPHE can confirm that they are in close collaboration with their appointed partners expecting to submit the project to tender by the end of June.

The group will be able to provide a further update towards 20 July 2018.

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27 March 2018

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Further to the statement dated 09 January 2018, PPHE Hotel Group (“PPHE”) can confirm that it has completed its review of current guidance provided in collaboration with its independent facade engineering consultants and Government authorities. PPHE’s current interim measures remain sound and the group has appointed all structural engineers and relevant partners and is now finalising the exact scope of work required including timings, and will be able to provide a further update towards 31 May 2018. PPHE is committed to the safety and security of its guests and team members at all times, carrying out regular accredited Fire Risk Assessments in full compliance with the Fire Regulatory Reform Safety Act.

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09 January 2018

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Further to the below statement dated 03 August 2017, PPHE Hotel Group (“PPHE”) can confirm that it is nearing the completion of reviewing all guidance and reports issued in collaboration with its independent facade engineering consultants, the Tower Casework Team and Government authorities. PPHE’s current interim measures remain sound and it will provide a further update by the end of 31 March 2018. PPHE is committed to the safety and security of its guests and team members and carries out regular accredited

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3 August 2017

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PPHE Hotel Group (“PPHE”) is committed to the safety of all its guests and team members, and the Group chose to proactively submit cladding samples to the BRE for testing of Park Plaza Leeds (“the Hotel”). PPHE has been informed that, similar to many other commercial properties in the UK, the sample of the ACM cladding at the Hotel has not passed the BRE tests.

In line with the Group’s safety policy, the Group has subsequently had the Hotel inspected by the West Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service. The inspection report required interim mitigating measures to be implemented, with which the Hotel has fully complied and which have subsequently been noted by the Tower Casework Team. The DCLG has issued further guidance to the public on 2 August 2017. Park Plaza is currently reviewing this with its independent facade engineering consultants but its current interim measures remain sound.

PPHE carries out regular accredited Fire Risk Assessments in full compliance with the Fire Regulatory Reform Safety Act, and Park Plaza Leeds along with each managed and owned UK hotel has rigorous safety measures in place. These measures include emergency evacuation plans, sprinkler systems, smoke detectors, CCTV, team training and refresher training as well as on-going full hotel evacuation training. All the Group’s hotels are manned 24 hours a day. The safety and security of our guests and team members remains our priority at all times and we will keep our guests updated should any operational or building changes need to be amended.

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In line with the Group’s safety policy, the Group has subsequently had the Hotel inspected by the West Yorkshire Fire Service. The inspection report required interim mitigating measures to be implemented, with which the Hotel is fully compliant. The Tower Casework Team has accepted these measures, noting that the Hotel has no current plans to replace the cladding and confirmed that this will be reviewed if any further guidance/advice is offered from DCLG.





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