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## FM Insulation News

December 2010

### Greetings!



Where did that year go? It's been an interesting year for all of us in the insulation business. It is gratifying that we have been able to maintain and build our customer relationships in such a challenging year.

We thank you for your business during 2010 and hope that we can continue to satisfy your requirements in 2011. And of course we wish you all the best for the festive season.

## TICA NSW Annual Christmas Lunch

In late November FM Insulation Supplies sponsored the annual TICA NSW Christmas luncheon at the Parramatta Workers Club. This was held in conjunction with a presentation by Marion Marsland of Kingspan Tarec Industrial Insulation Ltd. of Glossop, U.K." A larger than usual turn up of contractor & supplier members plus a number of visitors ensured an enjoyable and successful day.

Marion's presentation highlighted the thermal benefits of the Kooltherm range of closed cell phenolic foam pipe insulation and board for use in the commercial airconditioning industry.



FM Insulation Supplies is working closely with Kingspan Tarec to bring this range of products to the Australian market.

We have a long association with Kingspan Tarec, having supplied a large quantity of Kooltherm phenolic pipe insulation to the OPAL Nuclear Reactor at Lucas Heights during its construction. The material was used exclusively on all of the cooling water pipes and was chosen by the construction managers JHEDI and the reactor designers INVAP of Argentina ahead of other "plastic" insulation materials" because of its superior fire resistance properties.

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It is these same properties, plus its superior R value that is making Kooltherm a favourite with building designers & owners.

## R-value tables for our range of Insulation Materials

Most of our contractor customers are aware of the clause in The Australian Insulation Standard (AS/NZS 4859.1: 2002) which details the formula for calculating the R-value for insulation materials for individual pipe sizes. This formula is used when converting the R-value gained from tests carried out on flat material (ASTM C653-97) to the R-value for pipe insulation.

We are in the process of compiling tables for our glasswool, rockwool & chemically cross linked polyethylene pipe insulation. We expect to have these tables on our web site early in the New Year. In the meantime, users can calculate their own thicknesses based on our currently published R-values all of which "are based on "flat insulation"

These R-values can currently be found in our technical data sheets and on our cartons of rockwool & glasswool spi as well as the bags of chemically cross linked pipe insulation.

## Application Notes

*Use of mastics on insulation for copper, steel & iron pipes.*

A recent event in Queensland has highlighted a problem with the use of mastics used as joint sealers or bedding compounds on copper pipes. It appears that a number of mastics that have been used in such applications over a number of years are not recommended by the mastic manufacturer for this application. As always we urge our customers to check the applicability of all products before use.

## Website update

All of us at FM Insulation Supplies, together with our IT consultant Marius Coomans of Active Web Communications, are busy working on the upgrade of our [website](#). The target is to have the new site operating early in the New Year.

The new site will contain all of the information that is on the current site plus new data and photographs in a more user friendly format.

We trust that you will all have relaxing break over the festive season and look forward to servicing your requirements in the coming year

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