

ICL INQUIRY STATEMENT

[DRAFT STATEMENT]

[This statement is drafted on the basis of information previously provided by Mr Andrews to the Crown for the purposes of the criminal investigation. This information has been made available to the ICL Inquiry. The Inquiry has been unable to confirm the information in paragraphs 4-10 of Mr Andrew's statement]

DAVID JOHN ANDREWS

Start of Employment

1. I have worked for ICL Tech for about 12 years.

Title and Duties

2. I was employed at ICL Tech as a vacuum former. Nick Downie was my manager and Stewart McColl was the Managing Director.
3. I used to load the ovens with sheets of plastic to take the moisture out of the plastic prior to it going on the geiss machine. The oven that I used was electric.

4. Date of the Tragedy

I can remember the date of the incident, it happened on

Tuesday, 11 May 2004

I know that it happened about mid-day because I looked at the clock just before because I was looking to see how close it was to lunchtime.

5. About 10 minutes before the blast I had been upstairs on the third floor showing a manager there, Nicky Downie, a new job I was doing so that he could approve the parts required. I then went back downstairs.
6. I was standing making parts for road sweepers. I was in a building, which is off the main building, which is called the PU building when I

heard an almighty crashing noise. The building shook. Big sliding doors to our building buckled.

7. I was working with Tony Northgate and he said to me "What was that noise?" I told him to get out of the building.
8. Tony and I went outside but initially we could not see anything for the dust. Once the dust settled I saw that the main building had collapsed.
9. Tony and I ran round as we were not sure what had happened. I thought maybe a plane had hit the building. I then saw that the office building had fallen onto the factory roof. Tony and I ran to the factory to see if we could help anyone.
10. I saw most of the boys coming out of that building and covered in dust. I saw Ian Mavers lying on the office floor and wee Chris, I don't know his surname, helping him. I also saw Stacey, I don't know her surname but she has a sister who works there. At that time Stacey was standing high up with a good drop below her. She was screaming and crying. I helped a boy called David, I don't know his surname, he was coming out dazed and I put him over beside the houses. I thought about going to get a ladder for Stacey but the fire brigade told me to get out.

Smells

11. I did not notice any unusual smells or anything unusual in the days and weeks leading up to the tragedy.

Basement

12. A couple of weeks before the incident I visited the basement on my own to see

13. Kenny Murray because I was wanting a loan of a crow bar to try and pry plastic off of a machine. I noticed there was a damp smell in the basement and was a smell I had smelt before in the basement.

LPG tank

I did not use any gas machines. I know that there was a gas tank in the yard which must have fed into the ovens, but I don't know anything about that.

Health and Safety

14. The health and safety mainly consisted of signs. There were covers which worked as guards on the saws that we would ensure were on at the time of health and safety visits.

I confirm that the contents of this statement are true.

Witness signature _____

Date _____