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**subject matter:**

Testing the ball throwing resistance of the "Acoustichoc 40" panel ceiling made of coated rock wool plates in conformity with

DIN EN 13964: edition of February of 2007

**client:**

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MFPA Leipzig tested a panel ceiling system including the substructure for ball throwing resistance in conformity with DIN EN 13964. These elements are used for lining the ceilings of various types of buildings so that occasional loading is likely from the impact of balls. The substructure for the ball shooting test during the test consisted of a rigid wood frame that was planked with particleboard.

The ceiling system has the structure below (from top to bottom; refer to the drawings in Annex 1):

- Ø6 threaded rods
- mounting rail system (designation Quicklock CLIP-ON T35), 1.50 m x 1.00 m grid
- coated 1500 mm x 1000 mm x 40 mm rock wool plates where the coating consists of a thin and bright fibreglass fabric and below also made of a fibreglass net (mesh approximately 3 mm)
- secured with 6 holding-down clamps per rock wool plate

The test was carried out in conformity with DIN EN 13964: "Suspended Ceilings – Requirements and Test Processes", edition of February of 2007.

Test surface arrangement:                      as a ceiling element

The test surface was shot at with a handball as per the aforementioned standard and the impact speed was 8.0 m/s as per the targeted class 2A. Various points were shot at from various angles (such as the middle, the area near the edge, the corner zone and the area of braces below, etc.).

The testing temperature was 21°C.

The table below summarises the test results:

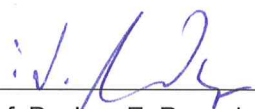
<i>type of ball</i>	<i>number of shots</i>	<i>angle of impact</i>	<i>impairments to the installation element</i>
handball	12	90°	none
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	12	60°	- "-


The panel ceiling system tested did not show any visibly identifiable damage when tested as a ceiling element. This is the reason why the element is classified as "ball impact resistant" as per class 2A in conformity with DIN EN 13964:2007 based upon our test results.

Empirically this ceiling system with a grid of 1200 mm x 600 mm x 40 mm does also withstand an impact speed of 8 m/s so that it can be classified into class 2A. In this case, as for the element with the grid of 1500 mm x 1000 mm x 40 mm, 6 holding-down clamps per rock wool plate are being used. Furthermore the mounting rail system for the grid 1,2 m x 0,6 m can be „Quicklock CLIP-ON T24 or T35".

The results of the tests exclusively refer to the described test objects but not to the main unit. This document does not replace a certificate of conformity or suitability according to national and European building codes.

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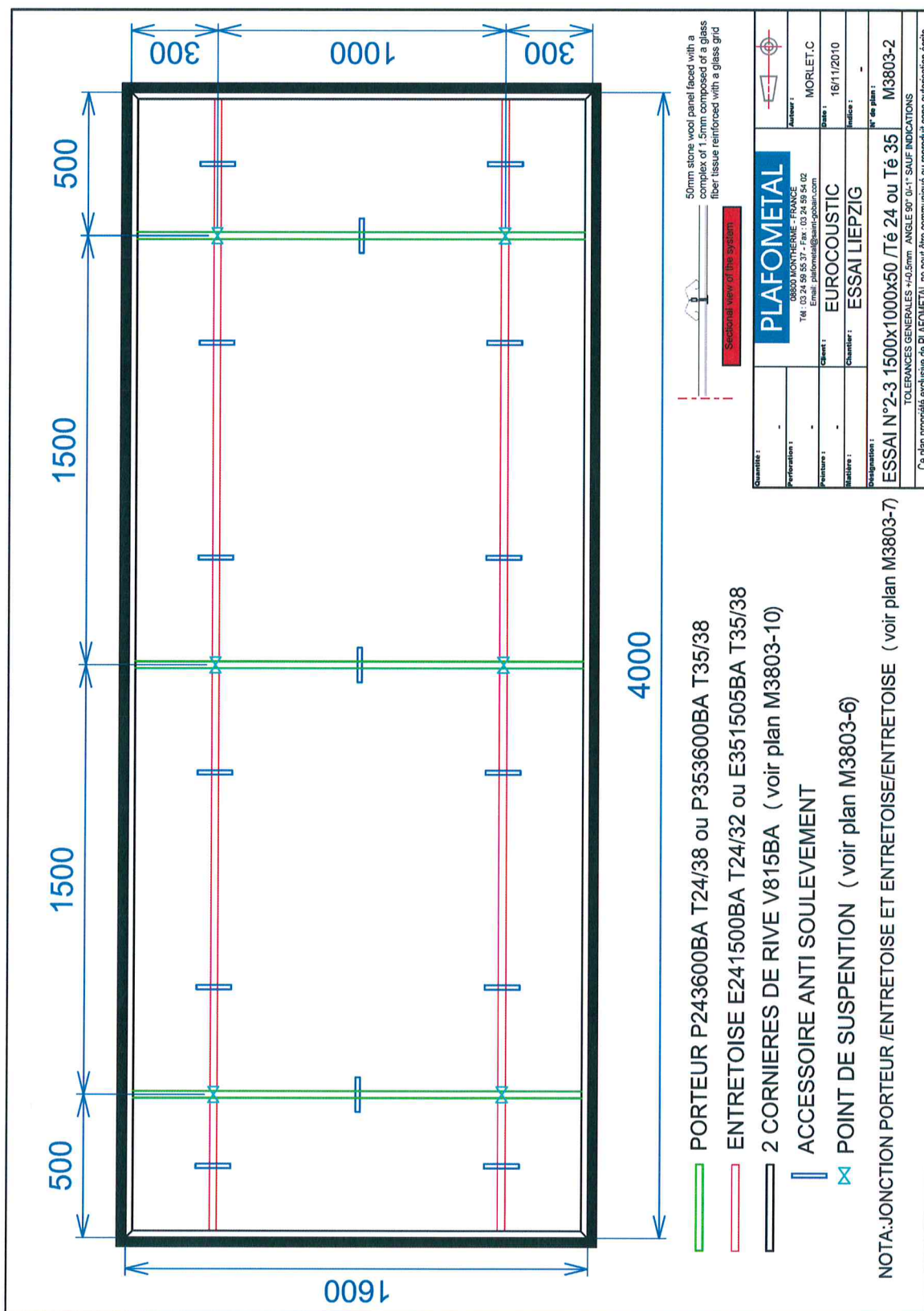


Figure A1-1: The client's technical drawing of the entire system





*Figure A2-1: The view of the ceiling system with the substructure*



*Figure A2-2: The view of the ceiling system after testing*