

# News Release



## **BASF helps to refurbish Auckland Downtown Carpark**

- **Iconic building given new life**
- **BASF Conideck® waterproofing system applied**

**Auckland, New Zealand – 20 September 2012** – The rooftop level of Auckland’s iconic Downtown Carpark now has an attractive and hard-wearing new surface called Conideck® 2269 which will provide long-term protection for the building.

Auckland Transport, part of the Auckland Council and responsible for all of the region’s transport services (excluding state highways), were tasked to find a solution that would limit the deterioration of steelwork due to proximity to the sea and water leaking into the lower floors from the concrete parking roof. Being of light construction, the roof floor also tends to flex with the movement of traffic. The solution had to be light weight, low maintenance, long life, flexible, bridge cracks and provide a hard-wearing surface.

Auckland Transport’s evaluation team reviewed a number of alternatives before selecting the Conideck® waterproofing system from BASF Construction Chemicals for its high quality and fast-curing nature, which enable fast installation and result in minimal disruption. Used globally for more than 35 years, the system covers millions of square metres of car parking.

Mark Ambridge, General Manager of Topcoat, who was selected as the applicator in the project, said, “Using a heavy duty elastomeric

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waterproofing membrane like Conideck® efficiently bridges existing or future cracks of up to 2.5 mm in width, reducing whole-life costs and downtime.”

The Topcoat team prepared the surface of the Downtown Carpark with captive shotblasting and applied the four-coat Conideck® system. This included a primer, membrane, wear coat, and UV-resistant top coat.

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