



PFD Food Services, Melbourne, Australia

Fire detection for a 20'900m² refrigerated seafood storage

Reference Report

The new 24'900m² building with 14-metre-high ceilings and multi-temperature environments is housing an 8'500m² freezer and 5'500m² refrigerated cooler room. It is the workplace for 200 employees.

The beginnings of PFD Food Services date back to 1864, when J Hill & Son commenced business as a fresh fish merchant, operating from the Melbourne wholesale fish markets.

In 1943, J Hill's directors were finding it increasingly difficult to operate within the government's restrictive pricing control policy, so decided to form a company that sold processed fish, which was not liable to price control. It was then that Processed Fish Distributors (PFD) began supplying shark and whiting fillets, smoked cod and cooked crayfish throughout the metropolitan area and some regional centers. Premises were leased from the Brunswick Ice Works where the processing took place and frozen fish was delivered to the suburbs in vans that were insulated with compressed and trussed straw. PFD's customers in regional areas received their goods by rail.

Securiton delivered a first class fire detection solution for PFD that combines aspiration technology with high sensitivity detectors. This results in reliable warning at the earliest possible time. The system is based on 13 high sensitivity detectors featuring heated sampling points, which are temperature controlled for automatic de-icing.



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System Components: SecuriRAS
Aspirating Smoke detectors ASD 535

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