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Flexible structure delivers Oakland International supply chain opportunity

A specialist multi-temperature supply chain operator which provides chilled, frozen and ambient food for the UK and Ireland's major supermarket chains has come up with a temporary building solution to expand its existing short-term stock holding.

Oakland International Chief Executive and Co-Founder Dean Attwell said: "During this period of uncertainty surrounding our exit from the EU, the need for Oakland's customers to extend their existing stockholding is becoming an everyday requirement.

"I'd originally seen the Spaciotempo semi-permanent buildings during a visit to one of our customers in Ireland and I was so impressed with the quality of the structure I could see it working for our Redditch facility, particularly because of its classification as a non-permanent construction."

Oakland International chose to hire Spaciotempo's 15m x 60m Neivalu-style warehouse on a 6m eave. The temporary building features a thermo roof and gables, 40mm thick steel-clad sandwich panels, three personnel doors, one electric roller shutter door and 22 90W LED lights. Oakland International has the option to purchase the building at the end of the contract.

A BRC double A accredited business and a specialist at providing contract packing, storage, picking, food distribution and brand development support for ambient, chilled and frozen food, Oakland International supports retail, convenience, discount, wholesale and food service markets.

Strategic Development Manager at Oakland International Peter Vaughan said: "The temperature-controlled food market is a specialist area so the demand from the leading supermarkets, as well as smaller chains, is very high.



“As chilled and frozen products are key components of Oakland International, we needed to maximise our temperature-controlled capacity, so we could respond immediately to new contracts and further develop the business. To achieve this, we needed to move our ambient products out of our existing facilities and into a separate warehouse, with the Spaciotempo building being ideal for storing our ambient goods.”

The standard of construction and visual appeal of the temporary Spaciotempo warehouse surpassed Oakland’s expectations with the building doing exactly what it needed it to do. The quotation process was quick and hassle free and the information provided by Spaciotempo was clear.

Peter added: “It took the Spaciotempo team just 14 days to install the building, meaning we could begin using the additional space within a very short space of time, which was just what we needed. The team involved in the construction was excellent and the whole process was hassle free.”