

PlanRadar & IFC Group team up for the development of a bespoke solution for fire safety inspections and audits

- **IFC Group (part of Kiwa UK Group), chooses to use PlanRadar to support their work delivering fire safety solutions**
- **Site teams will implement the software to track inspections and fire risk assessments and audit sites and companies towards 3rd party certification**

London, 23rd August 2021 - PlanRadar has announced a new partnership with IFC Group, one of the UK's leading fire safety consultancies.

From the end of August 2021, IFC Group will use PlanRadar in the field to manage inspections, fire risk assessments and audits across their projects globally. The company supports its clients at every stage of their projects, from design to delivery and maintenance, and on projects of all sizes and levels of complexity. With increased scrutiny on building owners, developers and contractors to deliver the highest quality fire safety measures and assurance, IFC Group has found their expertise much in demand.

“After thoroughly reviewing PlanRadar in 2021, we’re very excited to roll out the software to our fire risk assessment teams,” said Glen Sumner, Associate Director at IFC Group. “We had been looking for a software solution that was simple to use, that enabled consistency and that made it easy to share the results of assessments with clients. It was also important for us to be able to work with plans in hand and to be able to mark them up as needed. PlanRadar met all of our criteria and have done a great job in supporting our unique requirements.”

While IFC Group has always been at the cutting edge of fire safety technology, they were looking to improve efficiency of the process of recording inspections and to enhance their support for clients in a rapidly moving marketplace. With PlanRadar’s flexible forms and checklists, engineers will be able to use their mobile devices to record their assessment of each element of a building that they inspect. They can also add photographs, videos, voice memos and other evidence and attach them to a precise location on a plan.

By digitising the data collection process, IFC Group’s engineers can automatically build a complete, time-stamped record of all evidence from a site, including any communication and decisions made. A secure audit trail is stored centrally, making it easy to access at a later date. Data can also be quickly exported into custom-built reports in the exact format required, ready for sharing with a client. This includes the use of a client-oriented dashboard.

PlanRadar’s Matt Ryan, Country Manager for the UK & Sweden, said “IFC Group initially approached us looking to move their inspections and risk assessment teams to a single digital platform. Since then, our agile development and customer success teams have worked closely with them to build cutting-edge fire inspection forms, up-to-date fire risk assessment documents and automated client-ready reports. Fire safety compliance and legislation is an ever-changing beast, increasing in its comprehensiveness and complexity almost daily – and rightly so. This comes with challenges and extended liabilities, so it’s important for us to stay up-to-speed and support the field at all times. Partnering with industry-leaders like the IFC Group helps us achieve that, and helps them increase



their teams' efficiency on the ground, with bespoke solutions to achieve detailed communication and reporting to clients and governing bodies alike."

About IFC Group

[The IFC Group](#) (which is part of Kiwa UK Group) is a specialist engineering consultancy delivering independent, honest and practical fire safety solutions to professionals across the built environment. The sought after fire safety advice protects life, preserves property and safeguards business continuity.

The organisation was established in 1985 to provide high quality and impartial technical expertise concerning fire safety. Since then the team of highly qualified Fire Engineers and Fire Safety Professionals have continued to deliver robust, innovative and cost-effective fire safety solutions, including Assessments, Designs and Inspections.

The IFC Group are able to lend their insight and practical expertise to developments of all sizes and complexities; from residential, education and healthcare structures to sporting venues, airports and iconic heritage buildings, such as historical royal palaces and stately homes.

Recognised internationally as the go-to professionals in all aspects of fire safety, including Fire Safety Engineering, Fire Risk Management, Product Evaluation, Fire Life Safety Systems and Expert Witness Testimony as well as Fire Protection Training and 3rd Party Certification (via IFC Certification Ltd); the IFC Group is one of the world's leading fire engineering and solution providers, trusted by many of the most prestigious construction firms, architects and estate owners.

About PlanRadar

[PlanRadar](#) is a platform- and device-independent, web-based SaaS solution (Software as a Service) for documentation and communication in construction and real estate projects. It can be used for fault and task management, maintenance, building inspections, construction documentation, handovers and more. Using a web application or apps for all smartphones and tablets (iOS, Android and Windows), teams can share digital floor plans or BIM models, communicate and track any kind of information. By digitising workflows, PlanRadar reduces the frequency of errors, saves time for all parties involved and enables enormous increases in efficiency: customers report saving up to 7 working hours a week. The company, headquartered in Vienna, Austria, serves more than 13,000 customers from 55 countries.